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Morgantown Resident Sentenced to 121 Months Imprisonment on Drug Charges

CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA — A 28 year old Morgantown, West Virginia, resident was sentenced on May 18, 2012, in United States District Court in Clarksburg by Judge Irene M. Keeley.

United States Attorney William J. Ihlenfeld, II, announced that: **RICHARD MCDONALD** was sentenced 121 months imprisonment to be followed by six years of supervised release. **MCDONALD** was convicted on February 9, 2011, after a two-day jury trial before Judge Keeley on five counts of an Indictment. **MCDONALD** was convicted on one count of Conspiracy to Distribute 50 grams or more of Cocaine Base, also known as "Crack" from the Spring of 2009 to March 2010 in the Northern District of West Virginia; two counts of Distribution of "Crack" on December 8, 2009; one count of Distribution of "Crack" and Cocaine Hydrochloride also known as "Coke," on December 9, 2009; and, one count of distribution of "Coke" on December 10, 2009, in Morgantown. **MCDONALD** was remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal pending designation to a Federal institution.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney **Zelda E. Wesley** and was investigated by the West Virginia State Police - Bureau of Criminal Investigations.

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