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Three Michigan Residents Sentenced in Federal Court

CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA - Three Detroit, Michigan, residents were sentenced on May 23, 2012, in United States District Court in Clarksburg by Judge Irene M. Keeley for drug violations occurring in Monongalia County, West Virginia.

United States Attorney William J. Ihlenfeld, II, announced that: FALANDEZ THOMAS a/k/a "FLY", age 22, of Detroit, Michigan, was sentenced to 57 months imprisonment to be followed by three years of supervised release. THOMAS entered a plea of guilty on January 13, 2012, to the distribution of "crack" cocaine on October 6, 2011. THOMAS was remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal pending designation to a Federal institution.

ALANTE MARTELLO NELSON, a/k/a "SERIOUS," age 19, was sentenced to 46 months imprisonment to be followed by three years of supervised release. NELSON entered a plea of guilty on January 13, 2002, to the distribution of "crack" cocaine on October 11, 2011. NELSON was remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal pending designation to a Federal institution.

VINCENT SAMUEL HILL, JR. a/k/a "BREAD," age 24, was sentenced to 46 months imprisonment to be followed by three years of supervised release. HILL entered a plea of guilty on January 13, 2002, to the distribution of "crack" cocaine on October 20, 2011. As part of his plea, HILL agreed to the forfeiture of \$7,803. HILL was remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal pending designation to a Federal institution.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Zelda E. Wesley and was investigated by the Mon Valley Drug & Violent Crime Task Force, consisting of officers from the Morgantown Police Department, the Monongalia County Sheriff's Department, and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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