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MASON COUNTY MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FELON IN POSSESSION CHARGE

HUNTINGTON, WV – Sidney Edward Huddleston III, 52, of Apple Grove, West Virginia pled guilty before United States District Judge Robert C. Chambers to being a felon in possession of a firearm. During execution of a state search warrant by the Mason County Sheriff's Department on January 16, 2009, officers located 26 firearms in Huddleston's Apple Grove residence.. Huddleston was previously convicted of federal and state felony crimes. When he is sentenced on November 8, 2010, Huddleston faces up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. The U.S. Marshal's Service, the West Virginia State Police, Mason County Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives conducted the investigation. AUSA Lisa G. Johnston is handling the prosecution.

FAYETTEVILLE MAN PLEADS TO DRUG DISTRIBUTION

CHARLESTON, WV – Kevin Michael Settle, 24, of Fayetteville, West Virginia pled guilty before United States District Judge Thomas E. Johnston to possession with intent to distribute quantities of powder cocaine and oxycodone tablets. On April 11, 2009, at a residence in Fayette County, Settle possessed approximately 159 Oxycontin 80 milligram pills, with a street value of approximately \$13,000, and a quantity of powder cocaine which he intended to sell and distribute to other people. During a search of Settle's residence, he admitted to agents that he possessed the oxycodone and cocaine powder with the intent to sell them. Agents also seized additional pills containing oxycodone, approximately \$3,515 in cash, three sets of digital scales, a Ruger mark I .22 caliber semi-automatic pistol, and other items which had been reported stolen. Settle faces up to 20 years in prison and a \$1 million fine when he is sentenced on November 17, 2010. The Fayette County Sheriff's Department is handling the investigation.