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COLUMBUS OHIO MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ROLE IN DISTRIBUTION OF CRACK IN PARKERSBURG

CHARLESTON, WV – Lupe Martinez, 22, of Columbus, Ohio, pled guilty before United States District Judge Thomas E. Johnston to aiding and abetting the distribution of crack cocaine. Martinez admitted that on January 23, 2010, he assisted another person in the distribution of 5.53 grams of crack to a confidential informant working under the direction of the Parkersburg Narcotics Task Force. The crack was delivered to the confidential informant by Martinez. Martinez accepted payment for the crack which he then delivered to his partner. The drug deal took place in Parkersburg, Wood County, West Virginia. Martinez faces up to 20 years in prison and a \$1 million fine when he is sentenced on November 29, 2010. The investigation was conducted by the Parkersburg Narcotics Task Force with the assistance of the West Virginia State Police Forensic Laboratory.

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