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NORTH CAROLINA MAN SENTENCED FOR COCAINE CHARGE

BECKLEY, WV – Marquis Anthony Nelson, 31, of Greensboro, North Carolina was sentenced by United States District Judge Irene Berger to 84 months imprisonment for possession with intent to distribute cocaine base. Nelson pled guilty to the charge in April 2010, admitting that on March 3, 2008, he possessed 2.47 grams of cocaine base, \$470, a loaded semi-automatic pistol and a cane which concealed a 14.5 inch sword. West Virginia State Troopers found those items when they arrested him in Welch on a fugitive warrant from North Carolina, where Nelson was wanted for murder. Nelson subsequently pled guilty to second degree murder in Greensboro, North Carolina and received a sentence of 125 to 159 months. Judge Berger ordered Nelson's federal sentence to be served consecutive to the North Carolina sentence. The West Virginia State Police conducted the investigation. AUSA John L. File handled the prosecution.

COOL RIDGE MAN SENTENCED FOR DISTRIBUTION OF MARIJUANA

Christopher Lee White, 38, of Cool Ridge, West Virginia was sentenced by Judge Berger to 77 months imprisonment for distribution of a quantity of marijuana. White previously pled guilty in April 2010 admitting that on September 10, 2009, he sold 26.5 grams of marijuana to a person cooperating with the West Virginia State Police at Cool Ridge. Because of prior drug convictions, White was sentenced as a career offender under the United States Sentencing Guidelines. The West Virginia State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigations conducted the investigation. AUSA John L. File handled the prosecution.

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