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**KANAWHA COUNTY MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO
OBSTRUCTING DEPUTY MARSHALS**

CHARLESTON, W. Va. – Ronald King, 32, of South Charleston, West Virginia, pleaded guilty today before United States District Judge John T. Copenhaver, Jr. to obstructing or impeding an officer engaged in the performance of official duties.

On April 9, 2010, U.S. Deputy Marshals attempted to arrest a Federal defendant, Jeremy Kiser, for failing to appear for a supervised release hearing. At the time, Kiser was residing with King at King's Cross Lanes, West Virginia apartment. The deputies noticed Kiser's vehicle outside the apartment. Pretending he was there to deliver a pizza, one deputy knocked on the door and King answered. The deputy identified himself as being with the United States Marshals Service and directed Kiser to show his hands. King, in his attempt to obstruct and impede Kiser's arrest, then tried to slam the door shut by closing the door with force and causing the deputy's foot to be wedge in the door. King then screamed for Kiser to run. King and Kiser were subsequently arrested after the deputies were able to gain entry into the home.

King, who is scheduled to be sentenced on November 30, 2010, faces up to one year in prison and a \$100,000 fine. The U.S. Marshals Service conducted the investigation. Assistant United States Attorney Lisa G. Johnston is handling the prosecution.

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