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CHARLESTON DRUG DEALER SENTENCED TO 12 YEARS IN PRISON

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Romairo Mabry, 26, of Charleston, West Virginia was sentenced today by United States District Judge John T. Copenhaver, Jr. to 150 months in prison for distribution of cocaine base. Mabry previously pleaded guilty in March 2010, admitting he had distributed five or more grams of crack cocaine to a DEA confidential informant. According to court documents, Mabry sold over 89 grams of crack cocaine in exchange for \$4,000 to a confidential informant on four separate occasions in 2009. Following the last transaction, agents conducted a traffic stop of Mabry. As the officers approached, Mabry fled on foot, but he was quickly apprehended. Agents recovered the pre-recorded buy money used in the drug transaction, an additional \$1,670, and two cellular telephones. A subsequent search of Mabry's residence revealed 96 grams of marijuana, 69 grams of cocaine, 10.2 grams of cocaine base, and \$12,875 in cash. The Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Network Team (MDENT) and DEA jointly conducted the investigation. Assistant United States Attorney Monica L. Dillon handled the prosecution.

KANAWHA COUNTY MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO DISTRIBUTING COCAINE

Also in Charleston, a Kanawha County, West Virginia man pleaded guilty today to a Federal drug offense. Michael A. Roberts, Jr., 27, of St. Albans, WV, admitted he distributed approximately three ounces of powder cocaine to a confidential informant in March 2008. Subsequently, agents executed a search warrant at Roberts' residence. The search yielded quantities of marijuana, a .45 caliber pistol, electronic scales, and two bags containing white powder residue. The DEA's Mid-Atlantic Laboratory in Largo, Maryland tested the drug evidence and determined it was cocaine totaling 79.6 grams.

Roberts is scheduled to be sentenced on September 30, 2010. He faces up to 20 years in prison, a \$1 million fine, and three years of supervised release.

The joint investigation was conducted by the DEA, Putnam County Narcotics Task Force and MDENT. United States District Judge Thomas E. Johnston is presiding over the proceedings.

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