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**NEW MARTINSVILLE WOMAN SENTENCED FOR DISTRIBUTING COCAINE**

PARKERSBURG, W. Va. – Tina Darlene Skaggs, 27, of New Martinsville, West Virginia, was sentenced yesterday by United States District Judge Thomas E. Johnston to five years probation for distributing a quantity of cocaine. Skaggs previously pleaded guilty to a single-count information on April 14, 2010.

In January and February 2009, the Parkersburg Narcotics and Violent Crimes Task Force made a series of three controlled purchases of cocaine and MDMA (Ecstasy) pills from Skaggs in and around Parkersburg, WV and Belpre, Ohio. After the third purchase, Skaggs waived her rights and admitted to distributing at least 350 grams of cocaine over the previous year.

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