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FCI BECKLEY INMATE CONVICTED OF WEAPON POSSESSION AND ASSAULT

On Wednesday a federal inmate was convicted in United States District Court in Beckley of possession of a weapon and assault with a dangerous weapon with intent to do bodily harm. At the conclusion of a three-day trial, a jury convicted Eugene Montgomery, 46, an inmate at the Federal Correctional Institution at Beckley, of possessing a combination lock attached to a belt and using it to strike another inmate on December 20, 2009, at the prison. The victim received cuts to his head which were closed with medical staples.

Montgomery is scheduled to be sentenced on January 13, 2011. He faces a sentence of up to 15 years in prison and a fine of \$500,000. He is currently serving a 20 year sentence for distribution of heroin.

United States District Judge Irene C. Berger presided over the trial. Assistant United States Attorney John L. File and Special Assistant United States Attorney Lara P. Crane handled the prosecution. Assistant Federal Public Defender Edward H. Weis and Federal Public Defender Mary Lou Newberger represented the defendant.

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