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**JACKSON COUNTY MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON ON FEDERAL DRUG CHARGES**

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Tellis Sylvester Larry, 30, of Millwood, Jackson County, West Virginia was sentenced today to 44 months in prison by United States District Judge Thomas E. Johnston on federal drug charges. In December 2010, Larry pleaded guilty to a one-count information charging him with possession with intent to distribute a quantity of cocaine base. On or about January 30, 2008, Larry was arrested following a traffic stop in Ravenswood, West Virginia during which police seized approximately 21 grams of crack cocaine from his vehicle. Larry admitted his intention to distribute the drugs to various people in and around Jackson County.

The Court ordered the sentence to run consecutively to Larry's undischarged state term of imprisonment arising from his June 2010 conviction in Jackson County Circuit Court of first-degree sexual abuse.

The investigation was conducted by the Ravenswood Police Department and the Jackson County Sheriff's Department. Assistant United States Attorney Josh Hanks handled the prosecution.

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**FAYETTE COUNTY MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON ON FEDERAL OXYCODONE CHARGES**

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – David Shannon Browning, 46, of Scarbro, Fayette County, West Virginia, was sentenced today to 120 months in prison by United States District Judge Thomas E. Johnston on federal drug charges. Browning previously pleaded guilty in June 2010 to aiding and abetting the distribution of a quantity of oxycodone. On or about June 15, 2009, West Virginia State Troopers with the Bureau of Criminal Investigations used a cooperating individual to make a controlled purchase of one 80-milligram oxycodone pill from the defendant at or near Oak Hill, Fayette County, West Virginia.

During sentencing, the Court noted that Browning had participated in a number of other drug deals and that he had a very extensive criminal history.

The investigation was conducted by the West Virginia State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigations. Assistant United States Attorney John File handled the prosecution.

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## **PUTNAM COUNTY MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON ON FIREARMS THEFT CHARGE**

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. – Joshua Sadler, 22, of Hurricane, Putnam County, West Virginia, was sentenced today to 24 months in prison by United States District Judge Robert C. Chambers for aiding and abetting other known individuals in the theft of firearms from Johnny's Gun and Pawn, a federal firearms licensee located in Culloden, West Virginia. Sadler pleaded guilty in October 2010, admitting that on May 24, 2009, he and another known individual broke into Johnny's Gun and Pawn and stole nine firearms. The stolen firearms have been recovered. The nine firearms traveled in interstate commerce prior to being stolen.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Cabell County Sheriff's Department, Huntington Police Department, the West Virginia State Police and Putnam County Sheriff's Department. Assistant United States Attorney Lisa Johnston handled the prosecution.

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