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MARK MYRIE A/K/A BUJU BANTON SENTENCED

Tampa, Florida - U.S. Attorney Robert E. O'Neill announces that Mark Myrie (37, Jamaica), also known as reggae artist Buju Banton, was sentenced today to 121 months in federal prison for conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute five or more kilograms of cocaine and a concurrent term of 48 months for aiding and abetting the use of a communication facility during a drug trafficking crime.

Myrie was convicted in a jury trial on February 22, 2011. United States District Judge James S. Moody, Jr. imposed the sentence.

According to court documents, during the investigation, Myrie introduced a co-conspirator to a confidential source which resulted in the undercover sale of five kilograms of cocaine for \$135,000.00.

This case was investigated by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration and the Sarasota Police Department. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney James C. Preston, Jr.