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NEW IBERIA MAN SENTENCED IN FEDERAL COURT FOR DRUG CHARGES

Alexander receives ten years in federal prison

LAFAYETTE, LA . . . United States Attorney Donald W. Washington announced that **GLENN RAY ALEXANDER, JR.**, age 36, of New Iberia, Louisiana, was sentenced today in United States District Court for possession with intent to distribute cocaine base. U. S. District Judge Tucker L. Melancon sentenced ALEXANDER to spend ten years in a federal prison to be followed by a term of five years of supervised release.

GLENN RAY ALEXANDER, JR. pled guilty to a Bill of Information (Count 1) in February 2009 for possession with intent to distribute cocaine base.

ALEXANDER distributed three compressed round disk shaped objects to an undercover law enforcement officer which were held out to be and sold by ALEXANDER as "crack" cocaine. ALEXANDER and the undercover officer had discussed the transaction for crack cocaine via telephone prior to the actual deal. The round shaped disks sold were tested and discovered to be a Schedule II controlled substance - cocaine base (crack), with a net weight of 59.9 grams. Therefore, ALEXANDER did knowingly and intentionally distribute 50 grams or more of a substance containing cocaine base.

Sentencing in federal court is determined by the discretion of federal judges and the governing statute. United States Sentencing Guidelines established by the United States Congress and the United States Sentencing Commission are only used as guidelines by the judge in determining the appropriate sentence. Parole has been abolished in the federal system.

This case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Myers P. Namie.

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