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**SCOTT, LOUISIANA MAN SENTENCED IN
FEDERAL COURT ON DRUG CHARGES**

Defendant receives over 15 years in prison

Lafayette, La.: United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced that Jessie Alfred, 35, of Scott, La., was sentenced on Monday to 189 months in federal prison and five years supervised release. The sentence was handed down by U.S. District Judge Richard T. Haik, Sr. as a result of Alfred's guilty plea in July of 2011, to conspiracy to possess and distribute cocaine and cocaine base.

Alfred was charged in a one count indictment for conspiracy to possess and distribute cocaine and cocaine base. The case was the result of an investigation conducted by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration code-named "Operation Smackdown." The ten year investigation revealed that Alfred was obtaining and distributing kilogram quantities of cocaine with members of the Winters' organization, one of the largest narcotics organizations based out of Lafayette, La. The defendant began obtaining and distributing cocaine in the beginning of 1996 and continued through 2005. During the conspiracy, Alfred distributed between 100 and 149 kilograms of cocaine.

U.S. Attorney Finley stated, "Jessie Alfred was trafficking in narcotics in this community with no concern for the harm it caused. I hope this sentence sends a message that this kind of activity has serious consequences."

The case was investigated by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John Luke Walker.

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