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### COLUMBIA COUNTY MAN SENTENCED TO 60 MONTHS ON COCAINE CHARGE

Madison, Wis. - Stephen P. Sinnott, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Jerome Worzalla, 61, was sentenced yesterday by U.S. District Judge Lynn Adelman to 60 months in prison for conspiracy to possess cocaine with intent to distribute. Worzalla pleaded guilty to this charge on May 14, 2009.

Between February 2007 and February 2009, Ken Jessick, Maciel Nino-Rodriguez and Worzalla transported multiple kilograms of cocaine from Illinois to Sun Prairie and the Town of Hampden, Columbia County, where it was divided into smaller quantities and re-sold to customers. On February 4, 2009, law enforcement officers executed search warrants at two locations where they recovered approximately one kilogram of cocaine, 40 firearms, and \$46,676 in cash. A grand jury returned an eighteen count indictment on February 18, 2009 against Worzalla, Jessick and Nino-Rodriguez.

Because Worzalla sold cocaine from his property on Arnold Road in Columbia County, the United States successfully forfeited the property and it will be sold at auction by the U.S. Marshals Service.

Worzalla's co-defendants, Jessick and Nino-Rodriguez, were previously sentenced by Judge Adelman to 40 months in prison each for their role in the conspiracy.

The charges against Worzalla were the result of an investigation conducted by the Columbia County Sheriff's Department, Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force, and Wisconsin Department of Justice - Division of Criminal Investigation. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul W. Connell.

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