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## THREE MEMBERS OF COCAINE DISTRIBUTION CONSPIRACY SENTENCED

Madison, Wisconsin -- John W. Vaudreuil, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Anthony Jameson, 32, Lone Rock, Wis, and Jon Bertel, 52, and Rachel Kopp, 24, both of Watertown, Wis, were sentenced in the past week for their respective roles in a long-term investigation into cocaine trafficking in Jefferson County.

Jameson was sentenced to one year of probation and Bertel was sentenced to one day in prison and one-year of supervised release. U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb noted that both defendants avoided prison terms because they had ceased all drug activity by June 2008, sought treatment, and had not engaged in any criminal activity since the conspiracy ended. She also noted that their role in the conspiracy was limited to buying smaller amounts of cocaine to sell in order to feed their own addiction.

Kopp was sentenced today to 30 months in prison to be followed by a three-year term of supervised release. Judge Crabb stated that this sentence balances Kopp's lengthy criminal record, her difficult childhood and relatively limited role in the case.

Nineteen individuals were previously sentenced to prison as a result of this long-term drug investigation that began in November 2007, in Jefferson County. In addition to the individuals sentenced above, two individuals who have been indicted for their role in the conspiracy remain fugitives: Celestino Velazquez-Rodriguez and Emmanuel Pineda-Gonzalez.

Beginning in February 2008, the United States received authority from Judge Crabb to conduct wiretaps on several of the telephones being used by Maximo and Efrain Pineda-Buenaventura to conduct a drug operation run out of multiple dwellings in Watertown and a residence in Janesville. Approximately 8,000 calls were monitored by law enforcement officers between February and June 2008 in which members of the conspiracy were overheard conducting drug transactions and making arrangements to facilitate the sale of large amounts of cocaine in the Western District of Wisconsin.

On June 19, 2008, law enforcement officers executed 11 search warrants in the Western and Eastern Districts of Wisconsin, resulting in the arrest of several defendants in Watertown, the seizure of over \$100,000 in United States currency, several automobiles, and multiple kilograms of cocaine.

Previously sentenced were:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Crime of Conviction</b>	<b>Sentence Imposed</b>
Maximo Pineda-Buenaventura	Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine	17 years, 6 months
Servando Herrera-Vazquez	Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine	11 years, 8 months
Efrain Pineda-Buenaventura	Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine	10 years
Teodulo Pineda-Buenaventura	Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine	5 years
Otoniel Mendoza	Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine	5 years
James Hrobsky	Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine	2 years, 6 months
Will Bryant	Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine	4 years, 4 months
Jesus Duque-Pineda	Distribution of Cocaine	6 months
Arturo Pineda-Lopez	Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine	3 years, 1 month
Perfecto Pineda-Duque	Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine	3 years, months
Juan C. Pineda-Pineda	Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine	1 year
Harold Hausz	Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine	5 years
Eli Torres-Banos	Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine	1 year

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Gerado Pineda-Soria	Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine	2 years, 6 months
Arnold Wood	Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine	5 years
Scott Thorsen	Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine	4 years, 6 months
Martin Pineda-Pineda a/k/a Magin Avellaneda-Avila	Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine	4 years, 3 months
Angel Ayala-Pineda	Distribution of Cocaine	15 months
Joshua Cira	Using a Telephone to Commit a Felony Drug Offense	One year and one day in prison
Anthony Jameson	Using a Telephone to Commit a Felony Drug Offense	1 year of probation
Jon Bertel	Using a Telephone to Commit a Felony Drug Offense	One day in prison and one year of supervised release
Rachel Kopp	Possession of Cocaine with Intent to Distribute	30 months in prison

The investigation was conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration; Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation; Dodge County Sheriff's Department; Jefferson County Drug Task Force; Fort Atkinson Police Department; Watertown Police Department; and Janesville Police Department. The prosecution of this case has been handled by Assistant United States Attorney Paul W. Connell.

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