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National Park Borough Drug Dealer Sentenced to 96 Months in Prison

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CAMDEN – A National Park Borough man was sentenced to 96 months in federal prison today for his conviction for attempting to purchase and redistribute cocaine, U.S. Attorney Christopher J. Christie announced.

U.S. District Judge Robert B. Kugler, who presided over the five-day trial, also ordered David Green, 62, to serve five years of supervised release upon the completion of his prison term.

On Dec. 7, 2007, after five hours of deliberations, a jury convicted Green of the one-count Indictment, which charged him with attempting to possess with the intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine. Green has been held without bail since his arrest on a federal criminal Complaint on Aug. 7, 2006.

During the trial, the jury heard the testimony of three government witnesses, viewed nearly a hundred pieces of evidence and heard 30 secretly recorded conversations regarding Green's scheme to purchase and redistribute cocaine.

During the trial, the jury heard testimony and viewed evidence which showed that Green, in the months preceding his attempt to purchase and redistribute cocaine, had been involved in drug trafficking in the Gloucester County area from approximately February 2006 until his arrest by Gloucester County officials on March 16, 2006. The jury heard that the defendant developed and maintained a network for drug distribution, which included a customer base for crack cocaine and powder cocaine.

The jury heard testimony that after the defendant's arrest on state charges, the FBI learned from a confidential source that Green was planning the murder of an Investigator with the Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office in retaliation for his arrest. The confidential source stated that Green was going to blow up the investigator and that Green had made inquiries about obtaining "dynamite" and "blasting caps."

The jury heard that on several occasions, during July and August of 2006, Green met with an individual, who, unbeknownst to him, was an FBI informant. During those meetings, Green attempted to arrange for the purchase of dynamite and blasting caps. During the course of these meetings, Green disclosed to the informant his desire to identify the person who had informed on him to the police and that he needed money to pay his defense attorney.

In convicting the defendant, the jury found that Green invited the informant to go into the cocaine distribution business with him and that the conversations culminated with Green and the informant arranging to purchase cocaine, dynamite and blasting caps, from an undercover law enforcement officer.

In determining an actual sentence, Judge Kugler will consult the advisory U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, which provide appropriate sentencing ranges that take into account the severity

and characteristics of the offense, the defendant's criminal history, if any, and other factors. The judge, however, is not bound by those guidelines in determining a sentence.

Parole has been abolished in the federal system. Defendants who are given custodial terms must serve nearly all that time.

Christie credited Special Agents of the FBI's South Jersey Resident Agency, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge J.P. Weis, in Philadelphia, for investigation of the case.

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