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TWENTIETH DEFENDANT SENTENCED IN ST. CROIX TRIBAL DRUG INVESTIGATION

Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Frankie Bildeau, 24, Webster, Wis., was sentenced yesterday in the St. Croix tribal land drug investigation. U.S. District Judge Lynn S. Adelman, a visiting judge from the Eastern District of Wisconsin, sentenced Bildeau to 12 months and 1 day in federal prison based on Bildeau's distribution of crack cocaine.

With yesterday's sentencing, twenty defendants have now been sentenced as a result of this investigation into drug dealing on St. Croix tribal lands. The previous defendants sentenced are set forth below:

Name	Crime of Conviction	Sentence Imposed
Joseph Merrill	Distribution of Crack Cocaine	4 years
Manley L. Williams	Distribution of Crack Cocaine	8 years, 4 months
Christifer Sonnenberg	Distribution of Crack Cocaine	5 years, 6 months
Jean Sonnenberg	Conspiracy to Distribute Crack Cocaine	19 years, 7 months
Bruce Sonnenberg	Conspiracy to Distribute Crack Cocaine	24 years, 4 months
Amanda Sonnenberg	Distribution of Crack Cocaine	3 years, 10 months
George Rainey	Distribution of Crack Cocaine	14 years

Name	Crime of Conviction	Sentence Imposed
Bruce Rainey	Distribution of Crack Cocaine	17 years, 6 months
Diana Martin	Conspiracy to Distribute Crack Cocaine	9 years
Margrette Cobb	Conspiracy to Distribute Crack Cocaine	13 years, 4 months
Andrew Sonnenberg	Distribution of Crack Cocaine	17 years, 6 months
Ericka J. Reynolds	Conspiracy to Distribute Crack Cocaine	1 year, 6 months
Shaleah Reynolds	Distribution of Crack Cocaine	2 years
Michael D. Hammond	Distribution of Crack Cocaine	12 years, 7 months
Steven R. Lang	Distribution of Methamphetamine	4 years
Shana Corbine	Distribution of Crack Cocaine	4 years, 3 months
Linda Lightfeather	Operating a Crack House	5 months
Buck Zehner	Operating a Crack House	8 months
Janeen Mosay	Operating a Crack House	6 months

Louis and Brandon Belisle pleaded guilty on April 14 and will be sentenced on July 12. John Carr, Derrick Rapley, and Broderick Swain were charged in a nine-count indictment returned by the grand jury on December 2, 2009. Rapley and Swain have pleaded guilty; Swain will be sentenced by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb on May 11, 2010, and Rapley will be sentenced by Judge Crabb on May 13, 2010. Carr is set for a jury trial beginning on June 14, 2010.

United States Attorney Sinnott stated that today's sentencing was the result of a long-term investigation conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation; Federal Bureau of Investigation; St. Croix Tribal Police Department;

Rice Lake Police Department; Barron County Sheriff's Department; Burnett County Sheriff's Department; Sawyer County Sheriff's Department; Polk County Sheriff's Department; Native American Drug & Gang Initiative; and the Wisconsin State Patrol.

Assistant U.S. Attorney John W. Vaudreuil is handling the prosecution of these cases.

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