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WISCONSIN RAPIDS MAN CONVICTED OF DISTRIBUTING COCAINE

Madison, Wis. - Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Alfredo Herrera, 27, of Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, was convicted on Tuesday, February, of conspiring to distribute and distributing cocaine, following four hours of deliberation by a jury after a two-day trial in federal court in Madison.

Evidence presented at trial showed that during 2007 and 2008, Alfredo Herrera assisted his brother Anselmo "Memo" Herrera in the distribution of cocaine to numerous customers and lower-level distributors with whom Anselmo Herrera had an ongoing relationship as their cocaine supplier. The jury found that the conspiracy in which Alfredo aided his brother involved more than 500 grams of cocaine.

The defendant remains in custody and the court will set a sentencing date in the near future. Alfredo Herrera faces a mandatory minimum penalty of five years in prison and a maximum penalty of 40 years in prison, a \$2 million fine, and at least a four-year period of supervised release.

Five other defendants who were indicted with Alfredo Herrera by the grand jury in August 2009 pleaded guilty to their involvement in the cocaine distribution before trial. Anselmo Herrera, James Boe, Juan Rodriguez Moreno, Vanessa Rodriguez, and Ramone Molina-Marin are scheduled to be sentenced by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb in March and April 2010.

The charges against Alfredo Herrera were the result of an investigation conducted by the Portage County Sheriff's Department, Stevens Point Police Department, Wisconsin Department of Justice-Division of Criminal Investigations, Wood County Sheriff's Office, and Marshfield Police Department. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert A. Anderson.

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