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**ELK MOUND WOMAN SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON
FOR SELLING CRACK COCAINE**

Madison, Wis. - Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Tara L. Johnston, 35, Elk Mound, Wis., was sentenced today by Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 60 months in prison for conspiring to distribute over 50 grams of crack cocaine. Johnston pleaded guilty to this charge on December 17, 2009.

Johnston was involved in a conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine in the Wisconsin Rapids area between 2005 and November 2007, but continued to distribute crack cocaine in January 2009 after the conspiracy ended. In sentencing Johnston, Judge Crabb emphasized her history and the amount of crack cocaine distributed by her.

The charges against Johnston were the result of a three-year investigation by the Wisconsin Rapids Police Department and the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Department of Criminal Investigation. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Peter M. Jarosz.

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