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ALMOND WOMAN SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS PROBATION FOR DELIVERY OF COCAINE

Madison, Wis. - Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Vanessa Rodriguez, 26, Almond, Wis., was sentenced yesterday afternoon by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to five years federal probation for her role in the delivery of an ounce of cocaine in July 2008.

Vanessa Rodriguez was one of six persons indicted by a federal grand jury in August 2009, and is the fifth defendant to be sentenced. The indictment charged five other defendants with their participation in a conspiracy which involved more than 5 kilograms of cocaine and also charged eleven counts of distribution by various participants from November 2007 through January 2009. Vanessa Rodriguez was not alleged to have participated in the conspiracy, but delivered cocaine on two occasions at the direction of her husband, Juan Rodriguez-Moreno, a/k/a "Paco," 28, who was a member of the conspiracy. Juan Rodriguez-Moreno was sentenced earlier this month to 120 months in prison for his involvement in the conspiracy.

Ramone Molina-Marin, 33, Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., was sentenced to 21 months prison on March 19, 2010, for his involvement in distribution of cocaine at a Wisconsin Rapids bar in November 2007, connected with the conspiracy. James Boe, 22, of Plainfield, Wis., was sentenced on April 1, 2010, to 120 months in prison, and Alfredo Herrera, 27, Stevens Point, Wis., was sentenced on April 9, 2010, to five years prison, each for his involvement in the conspiracy. The last defendant to be sentenced, Anselmo Herrera.

The charges against Vanessa Rodriguez 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 Investigation; 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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