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LA CROSSE MAN SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON ON MARIJUANA CHARGE

Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Karl Stauffacher, 27, La Crosse, Wis., was sentenced yesterday by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 37 months in federal prison, followed by 8 years of supervised release, for his involvement in an 80-pound delivery of marijuana from California.

Stauffacher tried to take delivery of the marijuana in La Crosse on February 10, 2009, but was arrested by law enforcement before he could do so. He pleaded guilty to attempted possession with intent to distribute marijuana on March 18, 2009.

Law enforcement also recovered from Stauffacher approximately \$257,000 in cash that he intended to use to pay for the marijuana. At the time of the offense, the defendant was already on state probation for a prior drug trafficking offense.

The charges against Stauffacher were the result of an investigation conducted by

the Drug Enforcement Administration, Wisconsin Department of Justice - Division of Criminal Investigation, La Crosse Police Department, and the South Dakota State Patrol. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Meredith P. Duchemin.

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