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Waterville Man Sentenced on Federal Drugs and Firearms Charges

Bangor, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced that **Roy Garland**, 21, of Waterville, was sentenced on November 27, 2007 to 14 years imprisonment and 5 years supervised release for Possession With Intent to Distribute Cocaine, Possession of Firearms in Connection with a Drug Trafficking Offense, and Possession of a Pipe Bomb. Garland pleaded guilty on May 25, 2006.

Court records reveal that in January 2006, Maine State Police Trooper David Pelletier responded to a suspicious vehicle report in Sydney, Maine. Trooper Pelletier noticed firearms in the vehicle and apprehended Garland. A search incident to arrest uncovered 465 grams of cocaine, MDMA tablets and several firearms that Garland had used in connection with drug trafficking. Garland also possessed the components for making pipe bombs.

The Department of Justice developed a national initiative known as Project Safe Neighborhoods, aimed at combating gun violence in Maine. As part of this program, prosecutions such as this are made possible through the hard work and collaboration of state and federal agencies.

United States Attorney Silsby said that the investigation leading to the conviction was conducted by the Maine State Police, the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. US Attorney Silsby also credits the efforts of District Attorney Evert Fowle for his part in the case and for referring the prosecution to federal authorities.

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