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Caribou Man Sentenced on Federal Drug Charges

Bangor, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced that **Anthony Caparotta**, 44, of Caribou, was sentenced on October 7, 2008, in U.S. District Court in Bangor, Maine, to 68 months imprisonment, 4 years supervised release, a fine of \$17,900 and a special assessment of \$100. Following a 5-day jury trial which ended on June 18, 2008, a jury found Caparotta guilty of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute marijuana.

The evidence at trial demonstrated that from 2003 to sometime in 2006, Caparotta, Michael Pelletier, and others conspired to possess with intent to distribute marijuana. Caparotta took the stand in his own defense at trial and falsely testified. The Court increased the sentence that Caparotta otherwise would have received as a consequence of his perjurious testimony. During the sentencing hearing, Caparotta apologized for his misconduct. He also acknowledged that he had provided false testimony at trial and apologized for doing so.

United States Attorney Silsby praised the investigation conducted by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency, and the Office of the Inspector General-Social Security Administration. United States Attorney Silsby also recognized the contributions of the Maine State Police, the Aroostook County Sheriff's Office, and the Madawaska Maine Police Department to the investigation.

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