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ECSTACY DEALER RECEIVES 20 YEAR SENTENCE

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that DALE L SANDERS, 41, Louisville, Kentucky, was sentenced to 240 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Richard L. Young following his conviction at trial on March 21, 2007 for Conspiracy to Distribute Ecstasy. This case was the result of a six month joint investigation by DEA-Evansville and the Evansville Vanderburgh County Drug Enforcement Task Force (EVCDTF).

In approximately January 2006, EVCDTF received information that large amounts of methylenedioxymethamphetamine (a.k.a. "ecstasy") were being distributed in the Evansville community. As a result, EVCDTF, working with DEA-Evansville, launched an investigation. Undercover police officers were able to infiltrate the ecstasy trafficking organization. The investigation ultimately led police to SANDERS, the Louisville source of supply for the ecstasy. On May 9, 2006, DEA agents and EVCDTF officers arrested SANDERS in Louisville in possession of approximately 500 ecstasy pills and \$7500 cash.

According to AUSA Onderak, even with "good time" credit, SANDERS will have to serve approximately 85% of his 240 month prison sentence.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Matthias D. Onderak, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Young also imposed 6 years supervised release following SANDERS' release from imprisonment. During the period of supervised release, SANDERS must undergo drug testing.

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