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EVENT: Guilty Verdict

Defendant: Marcus Conway

**SAGINAW MAN CONVICTED
ON FEDERAL NARCOTICS CHARGES**

A 30-year-old Saginaw man was found guilty yesterday by a federal jury in Bay City on charges of distribution of cocaine base, United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy announced today.

Murphy was joined in the announcement by Stephanie R. Shoemaker, Resident Agent in Charge, Flint Field Office, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Found guilty was Marcus Conway.

The jury deliberated for approximately two hours before returning the verdicts, concluding a three-day trial before United States District Judge Thomas Ludington.

The evidence presented at trial showed that Conway was trafficking in cocaine in the Saginaw area during 2007 and that he sold quantities of cocaine base on three separate occasions to a government informant in June and July of 2007. The indictment arose out of an investigation by federal and state law enforcement officers into drug trafficking activities of

street gangs in Saginaw, including a gang known as the Sunnyside Gang that is believed to have engaged in drug trafficking and various related crimes in the south side of the City of Saginaw for a number of years.

“The prosecution of gang-related drug trafficking is a high priority of my office. This case is a good example of the kind of results that can be obtained from effective state and federal cooperation,” United States Attorney Murphy said.

“This conviction shows that ATF is dedicated to working with our state and local law enforcement partners to reduce narcotic and other types of street crime by targeting those individuals who engage in illegal narcotics trafficking,” RAC Shoemaker said.

Murphy commended the work of the agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, state and local officers assigned to the Bay Area Narcotics Enforcement Team (BAYANET) and federal, state and local officers assigned to the Saginaw SAFE Streets in this investigation.

Conway has three prior convictions for felony drug offenses, as well as a perjury conviction. As a result of his prior drug convictions he is facing a mandatory-minimum sentence of ten years. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney James A. Brunson.