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Florida Man Sentenced on Federal Drug Charges

Bangor Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced that **Pedro Julio Rosario, a/k/a “Justino Soto”**, age 49, of Groveland Park, Florida, was sentenced on October 27, 2008, in U.S. District Court in Bangor, Maine, to 76 months imprisonment and five years supervised release, for conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and distribute 50 grams or more of cocaine base. Rodriguez pleaded guilty on March 19, 2008.

Court records reveal that in September 2007, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and officers from the Brewer Police Department arrested Pedro Julio Rosario and co-defendant Roberto Rodriguez as they attempted to transfer two kilograms of cocaine base to another person at a pre-determined meeting place in Brewer, Maine. Rosario and Rodriguez drove from Providence, Rhode Island to deliver the drugs in Brewer, Maine. In a search incident to the arrest, the two “bricks” of cocaine, weighing approximately one kilogram (2.2 pounds) each were found in a plastic bag in the vehicle Rodriguez had been operating. Subsequent laboratory testing revealed that the substance was actually crack cocaine.

United States Attorney Silsby praised the investigation conducted by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and the Brewer Police Department.

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