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**Crack Cocaine Trafficker Receives 10 Year Federal Sentence**

Portland, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced today that **Kim Knight**, 29, of Norwich, Connecticut, was sentenced today in U.S. District Court to 120 months in prison for her role in trafficking cocaine and cocaine base, also known as crack cocaine. U.S. District Court Chief Judge George Z. Singal imposed the sentence following Knight's conviction by jury on July 23, 2008.

Knight was one of fourteen individuals charged with participating in a conspiracy to transport large quantities of cocaine and crack cocaine from Connecticut to the Biddeford/Saco area in Maine in 2006 and 2007. Thirteen individuals entered guilty pleas to the charged conduct. The leader of the organization, Calvin Sebastian, was sentenced on December 1, 2008, to 193 months in prison.

U.S. Attorney Silsby praised the investigative efforts of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency. U.S. Attorney Silsby stated that this conviction is significant because it sends a strong message that those who choose to traffic drugs in Maine will be prosecuted and face stiff penalties.

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