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Bangor Woman Sentenced on Federal Drug Charges

Bangor, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced that **Nicole Martin**, 26, of Bangor, was sentenced on January 5, 2009, in U.S. District Court in Bangor, Maine, to 110 months imprisonment, six years of supervised release, and a special assessment of \$300. Martin pleaded guilty on July 5, 2007 to three counts of possession with intent to distribute heroin, cocaine and Oxycontin. She also admitted at that time to violating the conditions of supervised release that she was serving as a result of a prior federal conviction.

According to court records, in March 2007, the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency was notified that Martin was driving from Portland to Bangor with a load of drugs. She was surveilled by MDEA agents as she drove north on Interstate 95. As she exited the highway at Bangor, Martin's vehicle was stopped by officers of the Bangor Police Dept. During the course of conversation with law enforcement officers, Martin admitted having drugs in her car. Found in Martin's purse were 21 bags of heroin, 4.4 grams of cocaine, and 25 ½ 40 mg. Oxycontin pills. Admitting she had been selling drugs for approximately a month, Martin told law enforcement officers that she sold the cocaine for \$80 a gram, the heroin for \$15 a bag, and the Oxycontin pills for \$40 each.

In light of the fact that she had at least two prior state and federal narcotics trafficking convictions, Martin received treatment under the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines as a "career offender." As a consequence, she received a higher sentence than she otherwise would have received.

United States Attorney Silsby praised the investigation conducted by the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency and the assistance provided by the Bangor Police Department in effecting Martin's arrest.

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