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**Winn Man Sentenced on Federal Drug Charges**

Bangor, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced that **Ray Fogg**, 56, of Winn, was sentenced on January 14, 2009, in U.S. District Court in Bangor, Maine, to 63 months imprisonment 4 years supervised release, and a special assessment of \$200. Following a 5-day jury trial which ended on June 18, 2008, a jury found Fogg guilty of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute marijuana and Social Security Fraud.

The evidence at trial demonstrated that from 2003 to sometime in 2006, Fogg, Michael Pelletier, and others conspired to possess with intent to distribute marijuana. Fogg's part in the conspiracy involved buying and selling marijuana. Even though Fogg had been receiving Social Security disability benefits since 1996, he did not report any of his work activity in the drug conspiracy to the Social Security Administration. Under federal law, even illegal activity constitutes "work" that Social Security beneficiaries must report to the Social Security Administration.

"This case should serve as a strong reminder to criminals who exploit our borders and our financial systems that ICE is committed to dismantling criminal networks that profit from narcotics trafficking," said Bruce M. Foucart, Special Agent in Charge of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Office of Investigations in Boston. "We are going to continue to work with our law enforcement partners to keep drugs off our streets."

Upon learning of the sentence received by Fogg, Jeff Paula, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Boston Field Division of the Office of the Inspector General for the Social Security Administration said that the successful prosecution and investigation of Ray Fogg is a fine example of teamwork and professionalism involving the various federal, state and local investigative agencies. The result achieved in this case sends a strong message of deterrence to individuals involved in disability fraud and the sale of illegal drugs.

United States Attorney Silsby praised the investigation conducted by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency, and the Office of the Inspector General-Social Security Administration. United States Attorney Silsby also recognized the contributions of the Maine State Police, the Aroostook County Sheriff's Office, and the Madawaska Maine Police Department to the investigation.

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