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Canadian Sentenced on Federal Drug Charges

Bangor, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced that **Arthur Michael Kinsella**, 48, of New Brunswick, Canada, was sentenced on February 4, 2009 to 85 months imprisonment for Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute OxyContin, and Possession with Intent to Distribute OxyContin. Kinsella was also sentenced to an additional 12 months imprisonment for Failure to Appear, and to 3 years supervised release on all 3 counts. Kinsella was convicted following a 4-day jury trial in August, 2008.

Court records and trial testimony reveal that from approximately 2003 to 2005, Kinsella conspired with others to possess with intent to distribute, and possessed with intent to distribute OxyContin. Trial testimony revealed that from 2003 to 2005, Kinsella made frequent trips to Maine from Canada to deliver OxyContin pills to a "middle man" in the Bangor area, who then distributed the pills to another dealer in Penobscot County.

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

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