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LAKE CHARLES MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO DISTRIBUTION OF CRACK COCAINE

Lake Charles, Louisiana . . . United States Attorney Donald W. Washington announced that **MICHAEL SHAWN ROSCOE**, age 40, of Lake Charles, Louisiana entered a guilty plea to possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine this morning during a hearing before United States District Judge Patricia Minaldi. ROSCOE was indicted on June 13, 2006 before a federal grand jury, and was set to stand trial on Wednesday, February 13, 2008, on one count of possession with intent to distribute approximately 300 grams of crack cocaine.

Prior to indictment, a search warrant was issued at the residence of ROSCOE, where multiple individually wrapped packages of approximately twenty (20) crack cocaine cookies were seized, along with approximately \$5,000 in U.S. currency.

ROSCOE faces a minimum sentence of 20 years and a maximum of life in prison under the habitual offender provisions of federal law. Sentencing in federal court is determined by the discretion of federal judges and the governing statute. Parole has been abolished in the federal system.

This case was investigated by the Combined Anti-Drug Task Force in Lake Charles, Louisiana, and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Stephanie A. Finley and Myers P. Namie.

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