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Event: Guilty Plea

Defendant: Michael Russ

SAGINAW MANS PLEADS GUILTY TO DRUG TRAFFICKING

Acting United States Attorney Terrence Berg announced that Michael Russ, 40, of Saginaw, pleaded guilty to distributing crack cocaine. Russ was indicated in July of 2008 with fourteen counts of distributing crack or powder cocaine. The plea was entered before the Honorable Thomas L. Ludington in Bay City.

Mr. Berg was joined in the announcement by Bureau of Indian Affairs Special Agent Charles Secakuku and Supervisory Senior Resident Agent John Cecil.

Russ pleaded guilty to distributing a quantity of crack cocaine in excess of 5 grams on April 17, 2008 within the confines of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Reservation in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

A conviction for that offense carries a mandatory minimum sentence of 5 years and as much as 40 years of imprisonment.

Judge Ludington took the guilty plea under advisement. A sentencing date of May 14, 2009 has been set.