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PARSONS WOMAN EARNS FIVE-YEAR SENTENCE IN DRUG TRAFFICKING CASE

18 defendants charged in Operation Little Big Man have pleaded guilty

KANSAS CITY, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that Vanessa Haggard has been sentenced to 60 months in federal prison without parole after pleading guilty to distributing crack cocaine.

Haggard was sentenced this week by U.S. District Judge G. Thomas VanBebber. In a guilty plea entered in July 2004, Haggard admitted that on March 18, 2003, in Parsons, Kan., she sold approximately 2.2 grams of crack cocaine to an undercover agent of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation.

The agent was a member of the Southeast Kansas Drug Task Force, which was conducting a two-and-a-half-year investigation into crack cocaine distribution in southeast Kansas. Law enforcement officers called the project Operation Little Big Man. Other defendants charged in related cases include:

James Jackson, who pleaded guilty to drug trafficking charges and was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison.
Franchester Griffin, who pleaded guilty to drug trafficking charges and is set for sentencing March 14, 2005.
Adam Davis, who pleaded guilty to drug trafficking charges and was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison.
Joseph Riley, who pleaded guilty to drug trafficking charges and was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison.
Shannon Harris, who pleaded guilty to drug trafficking charges and was sentenced to 151 months in federal prison.

Debra Loyd, who pleaded guilty to drug trafficking charges and is set for sentencing Feb. 28, 2005.

David Eugene Robison, who pleaded guilty to drug trafficking charges and was sentenced to 60 months in federal prison.

Wendell Martin, who pleaded guilty to drug trafficking charges and was sentenced to 70 months in federal prison.

Timothy Hans Ford, who pleaded guilty to drug trafficking charges and is scheduled for sentencing Feb. 28, 2005.

Rita Smith, who pleaded guilty to drug trafficking charges and was sentenced to 30 months in federal prison.
Ronald Kendricks, who pleaded guilty to drug trafficking charges and was sentenced to 70 months in federal prison.

Rowshane Dunn, who pleaded guilty to drug trafficking charges and was sentenced to 108 months in federal prison.

Eddie Jenkins, who pleaded guilty to drug trafficking charges and was sentenced to 121 months in federal prison.

Tremayne Darkis, who pleaded guilty to drug trafficking and firearms charges and was sentenced to 170 months in federal prison.

Brandi Altman, who pleaded guilty to drug trafficking and firearms charges and is scheduled to be sentenced March 14, 2005.

Marion Bruce Johnson, who pleaded guilty to drug trafficking charges and is set to be sentenced Feb. 28, 2005.

Maurice Montell Robinson, who pleaded guilty to drug trafficking charges and was sentenced to 240 months in federal prison.

Lisa Jane Amadi, who pleaded guilty to drug trafficking charges and was sentenced to 24 months probation.

Melgren commended the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, the Parsons Police Department, the Labette County Sheriff's Office, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Internal Revenue Service, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, the Coffeyville Police Department, the Winfield Police Department, the Joplin, Missouri Police Department, the Labette County Attorney's Office, and the Cowley County Attorney's Office in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney Scott Rask in this prosecution.