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### \$500-A-WEEK CRACK COCAINE BUSINESS EARNS PARSONS WOMAN NINE YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON

KANSAS CITY, KAN. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that Rowshane Dunn, 29, Parsons, was sentenced Nov. 1, 2004 by U.S. District Judge G. Thomas Van Bebber. She received a sentence of 108 months in federal prison followed by three years of supervised release.

Dunn pleaded guilty Aug. 3 to distribution and possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine. In her plea, she admitted she was arrested Sept. 3, 1999 for fighting on a street in Parsons and police found 2.7 grams of crack cocaine in her pants when they searched her. She also admitted selling crack cocaine to individuals who were working with investigators on Dec. 19, 2002 and Aug. 12, 2003. A co-defendant in the case told investigators that Dunn at times sold \$500 worth of crack cocaine – about 5 grams – per week.

Melgren commended the work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Internal Revenue Service, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, the Parsons Police Department, the Labette County Sheriff's Department and the Labette County Attorney's office in the investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney Scott Rask in the prosecution of the case.