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Lead Defendants Sentenced in Drug Conspiracy and Money Laundering Case

United States Attorney James L. Santelle announced today that the lead defendants in an eighteen (18) defendant indictment who were charged with various drug-trafficking and money laundering offenses have been sentenced to lengthy prison sentences by the Honorable Rudolph T. Randa.

The recently sentenced defendants are identified as Lamond a/k/a “Lamont” Clayton (age: 50) of Milwaukee who was sentenced to 91 months in prison and Chara Hortman-Brown (age: 37) of Milwaukee who was sentenced to 168 months in prison. Both Clayton and Horton-Brown pled guilty to drug and money laundering conspiracies.

This prosecution involved a second generation of the Edwards family, a north-side family run drug organization, with several of the same defendants and offspring of others, involved in the most recent criminal activity. This family based organization distributed multi-kilograms of cocaine and heroin, in Milwaukee, and elsewhere from January 2010 to December 2012. In addition, Clayton, Hortman-Brown, and others, in part, through structured deposits to financial institutions, laundered the illegal cash proceeds.

Law enforcement officers from the Wisconsin Department of Justice - Division of Criminal Investigation, Drug Enforcement Administration, Internal Revenue Service, Milwaukee High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, United States Marshals Service, and the City of Milwaukee Police Department participated in this investigation. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Gail J. Hoffman.

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