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NASHUA MAN SENTENCED FOR COCAINE DISTRIBUTION

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, N.H. Attorney General Peter Heed, N.H. Drug Task Force Commander James Norris and Manchester Police Chief John Jaskolka announced that Raymond Ngankou, age 44, of Nashua, New Hampshire was sentenced in U.S. District Court in connection with the distribution of cocaine and cocaine base, crack, in Manchester, New Hampshire between February 2001 and June, 2002.

Ngankou received a mandatory 10 year prison sentence and five years probation during a hearing before U. S. District Judge Joseph A. DiClerico, Jr. During his earlier guilty plea to a five count indictment, Ngankou admitted that he sold and conspired to sell cocaine to an undercover officer four times during June 2002. Subsequent searches of Ngankou's automobile, hotel room and business office revealed over one ounce of cocaine, two ounces of cocaine base, crack, and \$10,000 in cash.

United States Attorney Colantuono stated: "Crimes such as drug trafficking impact communities and place costs on society. One of the highest priorities of the United States Attorney's Office is to continue to seek ways to prevent and reduce crime through the aggressive prosecution of these cases. This case is just one example of our continued dedication to that mission."

The successful prosecution of this case resulted from the collaborative efforts of the Manchester Police Department, New Hampshire State Police, Drug Enforcement Administration, and the New Hampshire Attorney General's Drug Task Force. This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert J. Veiga.