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KENNETT MAN SENTENCED TO 46 MONTHS ON FEDERAL DRUG CHARGES

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A Kennett, Missouri man was sentenced today on federal drug charges, announced United States Attorney Catherine L. Hanaway.

MELVIN SIMMS, age 44, was sentenced to 46 months on four felony counts of distribution of cocaine base. He appeared before United States District Judge Henry E. Autrey.

On January 21, July 17, July 24, and August 8, 2007, a cooperating individual purchased crack cocaine (cocaine base) from Simms in Kennett, Missouri. Hanaway praised the Kennett Police Department, the Bootheel Drug Task Force, the Southeast Missouri Drug Task Force, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for their work on the case. Assistant United States Attorney Paul W. Hahn handled the prosecution for the Government.