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TWO JANESVILLE MEN RECEIVE LENGTHY FEDERAL SENTENCES FOR DISTRIBUTING HEROIN

Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Joseph Porter, a/k/a "Billa", DOB: 11/30/81, and Michael Stevenson, a/k/a "Casio", DOB: 07/20/74, both from Janesville, were sentenced today by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz. Porter and Stevenson pleaded guilty on March 29, 2005, to conspiring to distribute heroin and to distributing heroin.

On April 6, 2004, Porter distributed heroin to an undercover officer and he joined Stevenson in the conspiracy to distribute heroin from April to June 2004. For that three-month period, approximately 342 grams of heroin were attributable to Porter. Porter was sentenced to 175 months in prison, followed by a three-year term of supervised release. Porter was also ordered to pay \$100 to the Janesville Police Department, as reimbursement for funds used during the controlled buy with the undercover officer.

Over one kilogram of heroin was attributable to Stevenson because he distributed heroin in Janesville from August 2003 to June 2004. Stevenson also distributed heroin to a person less than 21 years old, and he used a person less than 18 years old to deliver heroin on his behalf. Stevenson was sentenced to 262 months in prison, followed by a

six-year term of supervised release. Stevenson was also ordered to pay \$550 to the Janesville Police Department, as reimbursement for funds used during several controlled buys of heroin.

The charges against Porter and Stevenson were the result of a long-term investigation conducted by the Janesville Police Department's Street Crimes Unit, the State Line Area Narcotics Team (SLANT), and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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