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Press Release

State of Ohio vs. Marquis Smith

Marquis Smith was sentenced today by Judge Steve C. Shuff of the Seneca County Common Pleas Court to a prison term of seventeen (17) months after his conviction last Tuesday for trafficking in crack cocaine from a January 11, 2009 incident. Mr. Smith faced a maximum sentence of eighteen (18) months. Mr. Smith was acquitted on one count of trafficking in cocaine from a separate incident on January 8, 2009.

Seneca County Prosecutor Derek W. DeVine commented: "The Seneca County METRICH Task Force did a good job. Our office will continue to prosecute these cases aggressively." Assistant Prosecutor James A. Davey represented the State of Ohio at trial.

Mr. Smith was represented by Tiffin attorney John Kahler. In addition to the prison term, Judge Shuff imposed a mandatory driver's license suspension of six months and ordered that Mr. Smith pay restitution of \$150 to the Task Force.