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## **THREE MEN SENTENCED IN COCAINE CONSPIRACY**

**SPRINGFIELD, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Springfield man and two Texas men were sentenced in federal court today for participating in a conspiracy to distribute cocaine.

**Humberto Barrera**, 23, and **Oscar Montano**, 22, both of Texas, were each sentenced by U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith to five years in federal prison without parole. **Jorge Torres**, 25, of Springfield, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith to two years and six months in federal prison without parole.

Each of the defendants pleaded guilty to participating in a conspiracy to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine in Greene County, Mo, from as early as Feb. 28, 2003 to March 20, 2003. **Barrera** and **Montano** traveled to Springfield on March 19, 2003, to distribute cocaine to **Torres**, Graves said. On the same day, **Torres** sold the cocaine he obtained from **Montano** and **Barrera** to individuals working in an undercover capacity.

Also on March 19, 2003, Graves said, law enforcement officers seized cocaine from a Springfield motel room occupied by both **Barrera** and **Montano**. According to the defendants' plea agreements, the most readily provable amount of cocaine distributed during the conspiracy was between 500 grams and 2 kilograms.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Randall D. Eggert. It was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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