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**MAN SENTENCED TO 27 YEARS IN PRISON FOR POSSESSION OF COCAINE
WITH INTENT TO DELIVER**

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GALVESTON - On Friday, January 9, 2014, a jury convicted Clyde Brian Bruton, Jr. of the felony offense of Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver, and sentenced him to 27 years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Galveston County Sheriff's Officers reported that between May and July of 2013 they received information from a Confidential Informant that drugs were being sold by a man at 7313 Canary Circle in Texas City. Officers reported they verified this information, and then obtained and executed a search warrant at the Canary Circle residence. Officers testified that Bruton was immediately located on the property, and appeared to be coming from the kitchen where a white powdery substance, mixed with water, was found on the stove. A chemist at the Texas Department of Public Safety analyzed the substance, and confirmed it was 37.67 grams of cocaine.

Bruton was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys T. Philip Washington and Matthew Shawhan in the 405th District Court, with Judge Michelle Slaughter presiding, and T. J. Leonard representing the defendant.

After finding the defendant guilty, Prosecutors Washington and Shawhan presented evidence of eleven prior convictions, including possession of a controlled substance, burglary of a habitation, and attempted assault of a public servant. The jury sentenced the defendant to 27 years in prison.

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