

# Cooperation with police lowers woman's sentence

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**SPRINGFIELD** — A Massachusetts woman will serve a minimal three-month federal prison sentence because she helped authorities convict an alleged master art thief after a Bloomington sting, a federal judge decided yesterday.

Margo Konces, 46, of South Weymouth, Mass., also is cooperating in Boston-area drug investigations while awaiting sentencing on a south Florida cocaine trafficking conviction.

Her Illinois involvement came after Myles Connor Jr., 46, of Cohasset, Mass., asked her to help him escape from his Menard County jail cell, where he was awaiting trial on stolen art and drug trafficking charges that resulted from his March 8 arrest in a Bloomington motel.

She refused, but forwarded Connor's request to his girlfriend, who sent hacksaw blades in a hollowed-out book. She continued to act as a go-between for Connor and Suzanne Marie King of Georgetown, Ky., but later cooperated with investigators once the escape plan failed.

Her testimony brought guilty pleas from both Connor and Ms. King, who are awaiting sentencing. Connor also has pleaded guilty to the original art theft and drug charges.

Ms. Konces could have received up to 14 months in prison on her conviction of conspiring to aid an escape. She also will serve three years of supervised release after completing her 90-day prison term.