AGENT GETS PRISON FOR AIDING DEALER - HEROIN GUY BOUGHT BMW IN HER NAME

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A veteran IRS agent was sentenced Monday in U.S. District Court in Detroit to 30 months in prison for agreeing to let a heroin trafficker buy a \$65,000 BMW in her name to conceal from authorities that he was purchasing the car.

Evelyn Millen, 50, of Detroit, a former agent who had 30 years with the Internal Revenue Service, also was fined \$6,000 by U.S. District Judge Paul Borman.

That's twice the \$3,000 **Millen** received as payment from the drug dealer for help, money she used to get a Rolex watch out of layaway, authorities said.

Millen pleaded guilty in May to a money-laundering conspiracy charge for agreeing to let her niece's boyfriend, 29-year-old Lamauro Coleman of Novi, buy the vehicle in her name in 2003 from a Dearborn dealership. He pleaded guilty last month to drug and money-laundering charges and is to be sentenced Sept. 16.

Dearborn police found the car in December 2005 in a storage unit during a heroin trafficking investigation.

When they asked **Millen** about the car, she told them she bought it, but later decided to sell it because she could no longer afford it.

But authorities later determined that she had purchased the car for Coleman in exchange for the \$3,000 layaway payment, court records said.

Millen, who was suspended without pay after her arrest in July 2007, will report to prison when space is found for her.

Her lawyer, Alvin Sallen of Bingham Farms, said **Millen** knew Coleman was a marijuana trafficker, but not a heroin dealer. "She is truly embarrassed and devastated," Sallen said in court papers.

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