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**Frenchman  
Gets 5 Years  
In Drug Case**

NEWARK, N.J., April 7—Former French secret agent Roger Xavier Delouette was sentenced to five years in jail today for conspiring to smuggle 96 pounds of heroin worth \$12 million hidden inside a Volkswagen minibus.

The sentence, handed down by U.S. District Court Judge Frederick B. Lacey, was the minimum for the offense, which could have carried a jail term of up to 20 years.

The judge noted that the one year Delouette had already spent in custody would be credited towards the sentence.

The tall, distinguished-looking Frenchman appeared impassive as the sentence was announced after both his lawyer and the U.S. prosecutor pleaded for leniency.

They both cited Delouette's close cooperation with authorities, almost from the moment he was arrested when he went to Port Elizabeth, N.J., to pick up the vehicle containing the hidden drug.

Delouette, a former agent in the Service de Documentation Extérieure et de Contre Espionage, asserted: "I am neither a gangster nor a pusher." He said he had followed instructions of his former secret service boss, Col. Paul Fournier, who was indicted last November along with him.

Fournier has denied any connection with the smuggling plot and remains in France.

Charging that his family and his fiancée, Marie Robert, were being harassed following his decision to cooperate with the U.S. authorities, Delouette said: "I followed Col. Fournier's instructions in this assignment in a moment of aberration . . . I've already been punished. Even worse, so have my family and Miss Robert. My family has had their private life very disturbed by certain police behavior which I fear will continue."

He made it clear that he was referring to the French police and that he had been well treated by the U.S. authorities.