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Monroe Man Indicted in Conspiracy to Distribute 100 Kilograms of Marijuana

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CAMDEN – A Monroe man was indicted today for selling large quantities of marijuana, U.S. Attorney Christopher J. Christie announced.

Danny Lam, 39, was indicted on one count of conspiracy to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute 100 kilograms of marijuana and one count of possessing an Astra .380 caliber semi-automatic handgun with an obliterated serial number.

Lam was arrested on a criminal Complaint on March 15, 2007. According to the Complaint, Lam has been trafficking in pound quantities of marijuana for approximately two years. During that time period, Lam received shipments in excess of 100 pounds of marijuana every two to three weeks from a source in Canada.

According to the complaint, Lam has facilitated the transfer of hundreds of thousands of dollars in drug proceeds from the United States to the source in Canada over the past two years.

Counts One of the Indictment, charging conspiracy to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute 100 kilograms of marijuana carries a maximum penalty of 40 years in prison and a mandatory minimum penalty of 5 years. Count Two charges possession of a firearm with an obliterated serial number, which carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison.

In determining an actual sentence, the judge to whom the case is assigned would, upon a conviction, consult the advisory U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, which provide appropriate sentencing ranges that take into account the severity and characteristics of the offense, the defendant's criminal history, if any, and other factors. The judge, however, is not bound by those guidelines in determining a sentence. Parole has been abolished in the federal system. Defendants who are given custodial terms must serve nearly all that time.

Despite indictment, all defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Christie credited Special Agents with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Kyle Hutchins, with the investigation leading to indictment.

The Government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Diana V. Carrig of the Criminal Division in Camden.

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