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**DANNY THERIAULT, JACKALEEN THERIAULT, and DENNY THERIAULT**  
**Convicted In Marijuana Conspiracy**

***Danny Theriault and Jackaleen Theriault also found liable for criminal forfeiture of \$126,000 of drug proceeds and a money judgment of \$1,540,000.***

[ALBANY, NEW YORK]—Acting United States Attorney Andrew T. Baxter, Franklin County District Attorney Derek P. Champagne, and Special-Agent-in-Charge John P. Gilbride of the Drug Enforcement Administration announced the convictions, after a three and one half day jury trial, of Danny Theriault, a/k/a “Vinny,” and Jackaleen Theriault, a/k/a “Ma,” on the charge of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and distribute over 100 kilograms of marijuana, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B) and 846. Danny Theriault faces a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of ten years and supervised release for six years, and a maximum possible sentence of up to imprisonment for life and a fine of \$4,000,000. Jackaleen Theriault, a/k/a “Ma,” faces a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of five years and supervised release for three years, and a maximum possible sentence of imprisonment for forty years and a fine of \$2,000,000. The jury also found them liable for a criminal forfeiture of \$129,000 in drug proceeds, a 5500 Woodmaster Furnace and a money judgment of \$1,540,000. Sentencing for Danny and Jackaleen Theriault is scheduled for July 28, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., respectively, before United States District Judge Gary L. Sharpe in Albany. On March 5, 2009, co-defendant Denny Theriault pled guilty to a conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and distribute between 80 and 100 kilograms of marijuana, and is scheduled to be sentenced on July 20, 2009, at 9:00 a.m.

From about January of 2006 until April of 2007, the defendants were active participants in a wide-scale marijuana conspiracy. Danny Theriault obtained the marijuana from sources in Canada, and distributed it to customers in the Albany and New York City areas. Danny Theriault coordinated these marijuana transactions with his mother, Jackaleen Theriault, who made many of the deliveries to the buyers personally, and was accompanied on several occasions by her other son, Denny Theriault. During the investigation, approximately \$187,000 in drug proceeds and about 50 pounds of hydroponic marijuana were seized from this group.

The Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force investigation of the Theriault drug trafficking organization, called “Operation Deceleration,” was conducted by the Office of Franklin County District Attorney Derek P. Champagne, together with the Franklin County Narcotics Task Force, which is comprised of the Drug Enforcement Administration, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, United States Border Patrol, New York State Police, St. Regis Tribal Police, Malone Village Police, Saranac Lake Village Police, Tupper Lake Village Police, the Franklin County District Attorney’s Office, and the U.S. Attorney’s Office. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Carl G. Eurenus.