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PAUL BARRETT SENTENCED TO 60 MONTHS IN PRISON

Buffalo, N.Y.— Paul Barrett, 60, who pled guilty on May 4, 2009 to an information charging him with possession of in excess of 5 grams of cocaine base was sentenced today to a term of 60 months in prison and 3 years supervised release by United States District Judge William M. Skretny, U.S. Attorney Kathleen M. Mehlretter of the Western District of New York announced today.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Thomas S. Duszkievicz who handled the case stated that the defendant was arrested on February 20, 2008 along with other individuals in the South Buffalo area as part of a city-wide joint operation entitled Operation Double Play and revolved around his distribution of cocaine and crack cocaine from a residence on Pomona Street in Buffalo. DEA cooperating informant made purchases of crack and powder cocaine Barrett on two separate occasions and quantities of drugs were seized at the time of his arrest.

The conviction was the culmination of the investigation conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration under the direction of Resident Agent in Charge Charles Tomaszewski with the collaboration of the New York State CNET and the Buffalo Police Department Narcotics Squad under the direction of Commissioner H. McCarthy Gipson.