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UNITED STATES v. NAM HONG

BUFFALO, N.Y. – **NAM HONG**, age 52, of Scarborough, Ontario, Canada, who pled guilty on January 28, 2009, to an Indictment charging him with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of methamphetamine, was sentenced today to a term of 120 months imprisonment in the Bureau of Prisons, 5 years supervised release and a \$100 special assessment, by U.S. District Court William M. Skretny, Acting 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 August 26, 2006, along with three other individuals, after agents of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration seized approximately 60,000 pills imported from Canada containing MDMA (Ecstasy) and methamphetamine, which the defendant arranged to have delivered to a McDonald's restaurant in Niagara Falls, New York, pursuant to an undercover operation engaged in by the DEA. Defendant also indicated that an additional 20,000 MDMA pills were available for sale, which pills were later seized by the DEA on October 26, 2006. AUSA Duszkievicz also stated that, after the defendant serves his term of imprisonment, he will be turned over to Immigration authorities for deportation. The street value of the 80,000 pills would exceed \$2 million.

The conviction was the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, under the direction of Resident Agent in Charge Charles Tomaszewski.