Department of Justice

United States Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. Western District of New York

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE JANUARY 12, 2012 www.usdoj.gov/usao/nyw CONTACT:BARBARA BURNSPHONE:(716) 843-5817FAX:(716) 551-3051

ROCHESTER MAN SENTENCED ON DRUG AND MONEY LAUNDERING CHARGES

ROCHESTER, N.Y. - U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Ormond "Rallo" Larkin, 37, of Rochester, N.Y., who was convicted of conspiring to distribute cocaine and laundering drug proceeds, was sentenced to 120 months in prison and five years supervised release by U.S. District Judge David G. Larimer. In addition, Larkin will forfeit cash, jewelry and two vehicles.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Douglas E. Gregory, who handled the case, stated that the defendant was involved in a conspiracy to distribute significant quantities of cocaine in the Rochester area for nearly a decade. Law enforcement officers executed several search warrants related to the investigation, resulting in the seizure of cocaine, cocaine base, firearms, cash in excess of \$100,000, a 2006 Land Rover and jewelry valued at over \$70,000. Larkin admitted that over the course of his drug trafficking, he sold and laundered between \$120,000 and \$200,000 in drug proceeds, mostly through the purchase of high end vehicles.

Larkin was arrested in April 2010 along with three others, Jerome Wilson, Chad Lewis and Curtis Monroe. All four defendants have now been convicted and sentenced. Monroe was sentenced to 84 months in prison, Lewis and Wilson were sentenced to 120 months.

The sentencing is the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration, under the direction of Wilbert L. Plummer, Acting Special Agent in Charge, New York Field Division; Special Agents with the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Charles R. Pine; officers and investigators with the Rochester Police Department, under the direction of Chief James Sheppard; and Special Agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, under the direction of Resident Agent in Charge Scott Heagney.