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LONGBOAT SENTENCED TO 135 MONTHS IN PRISON

BUFFALO, N.Y. – **DAVID R. LONGBOAT**, 58, of Oshweken, Ontario, Canada, who was pled guilty on Dec. 15, 2008, to an Indictment charging him with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of methamphetamine, was sentenced yesterday to a term of 135 months in prison 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. Duszkiwicz, who handled the case, stated that the defendant was arrested on Aug. 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 attempted to deliver to a McDonald's restaurant in Niagara Falls, New York, pursuant to an undercover operation engaged in by the DEA. After the defendant's arrest, and while in custody, the defendant also arranged to sell an additional 20,000 MDMA tablets, with the assistance of his wife, which pills were also seized on Oct. 26, 2006, by the DEA. AUSA Duszkiwicz also stated that, after the defendant serves his term of imprisonment, he will be turned over to Immigration authorities for deportation even though he possesses dual citizenship with the U.S. and Canada. 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.