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BUFFALO MAN SENTENCED ON DRUG CHARGES

BUFFALO, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Bryant Woods, 47, of Buffalo, N.Y., who was convicted of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute, and to distribute, crack cocaine, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Richard J. Arcara to 27 months in prison.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert C. Moscati, who handled the case, stated that on December 16, 2009, Woods was found with crack cocaine at his residence. The defendant bought the crack cocaine from co-defendant Rodney Hill. Woods and Hill were intercepted in telephone conversations discussing their cocaine transaction during the execution of court-authorized wiretaps earlier in 2009.

Woods was arrested along with 19 others and charged with being involved in a multi-kilogram cocaine distribution network between Houston, Texas and Buffalo. To date, 18 of the 20 defendants have been convicted.

The sentencing is the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Safe Streets Task Force, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Christopher M. Piehota, the Drug Enforcement Administration, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Brian R. Crowell, New York Field Division, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco Firearms and Explosives, under the direction of Resident Agent in Charge Frank Christiano.

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