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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian announced today the sentencing of a Syracuse woman for conspiracy to possess and possess with intent to distribute cocaine.

KEAHASHA DELEE, 24, of Syracuse, New York, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Norman A. Mordue to time served (347 days) for her plea of guilty to conspiring to possess with intent to distribute and distribute more than 500 grams of a mixture or substance containing cocaine in July 2007. DELEE played a minor role in a large scale cocaine-by-mail conspiracy in which numerous kilograms of cocaine were mailed from a source of supply in Los Angeles, California to a co-conspirator in Syracuse who acted as a broker, or middle-man, who thereafter delivered the cocaine to area buyers. In her role as a co-conspirator, DELEE received at least three kilograms of cocaine shipped from California in July, 2007, which cocaine she thereafter turned over to the middle-man. DELEE also assisted the middle-man in other ways, including counting money he had received from area buyers for the purchase of cocaine.

DELEE will be placed on supervised release for 3 years, which will include a period of six months of home confinement. She was also ordered to undergo drug testing and pay a special assessment of \$100.

The DELEE case investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the United States Postal Service, and the Internal Revenue Service.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Carl G. Eurenus, who can be reached at 448-0672.