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United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian announced that on May 12, 2011 United States District Court Judge Lawrence E. Kahn sentenced Dominick Stone, 29, of Schenectady, New York to 30 months in federal prison. This sentence was for Stone's conviction for the crime of Conspiracy to Distribute Marihuana. Stone was arrested on March 31, 2010

Stone was indicted with twenty-one others for a Conspiracy to Distribute Marihuana in the Northern District of New York between April 2007 and March 2010. The indictment charges that it was the business of this enterprise to smuggle thousands of kilograms of marihuana into the United States of America from Canada through the Akwesasne Mohawk Indian Reservation. The marihuana would then be distributed to various locations in the United States including the States of New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Tennessee and Illinois.

Ten defendants have pled guilty and charges are pending against nine defendants

The investigation that resulted in these convictions was conducted by U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, the New York State Police, the Albany Police Department, the Colonie Police Department and the Watervliet Police Department.

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