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DEFENDANT PLEADS GUILTY TO MARIJUANA CONSPIRACY

Defendant Pleads Guilty to a Marijuana Conspiracy Involving the Cross-Country Transportation and Distribution of Marijuana

Albany, New York —United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian and John P. Gilbride, Special Agent in Charge of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), New York Field Division, announced that ERIC CANORI, age 32, of Wilton, New York, pled guilty today in United States District Court in Albany before District Judge Gary L. Sharpe to one count of conspiring to possess with the intent to distribute, and to distribute, 100 or more kilograms of marijuana.

During the plea proceeding CANORI admitted that in 2008 and 2009 he conspired to purchase, transport and sell various grades of marijuana. The conspiracy involved the purchase of marijuana from different places, including the State of California. The marijuana was then secreted in various vehicles and trailers, transported across the country, after which it was redistributed by CANORI.

Sentencing was scheduled by Judge Sharpe for September 28, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in U.S. District Court in Albany, New York. CANORI faces a maximum penalty of 40 years of imprisonment and a fine of up to \$2,000,000.00.

The case was investigated by the Capital District Drug Enforcement Task Force; the New York State Police; the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Central District of Illinois; the Quad City Metropolitan Enforcement Group; the Henry County, Illinois State's Attorney's Office; the DEA Rock Island, Illinois Post of Duty; the DEA Norfolk, Virginia Resident Office; and the Illinois State Police.

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