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Major Syracuse Drug Dealer Sentenced to Ten Years Imprisonment

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NEWS RELEASE

Richard S. Hartunian, United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York, announces that **JOHN SELDON**, age 35, of Syracuse, was sentenced yesterday in U.S. District Court in Syracuse to ten years imprisonment, followed by five years of supervised release, in connection with his role in a major drug distribution ring operating in Syracuse from early 2008 through at least April 2009. **SELDON** previously pled guilty to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and distribution of more than five kilograms of cocaine, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(b)(1)(A).

As part of his plea, **SELDON** admitted that he obtained cocaine powder on a regular basis in multi-ounce to kilogram quantities from various sources of supply. He then sold the cocaine to multiple dealers in and around the Central New York area, many of whom are named in the Indictment.

This prosecution resulted from a joint investigation undertaken by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Syracuse Police Department, the Onondaga County District Attorney's Office, the Onondaga County Sheriff's Department and the New York State Police.

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