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SKANEATELES DRUG DEALER SENTENCED

SYRACUSE, NY – Richard S. Hartunian, United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York, announces that Michael Calogero, age 31, of Skaneateles, was sentenced today in U.S. District Court in Syracuse to five years imprisonment, followed by five years of supervised release, in connection with his operation of two marijuana grow houses. In addition to the five year prison sentence, Calogero will also be forfeiting a home and barn located at 4000 State Street Road, in Skaneateles, New York, and \$383,000. Calogero, previously pled guilty to conspiracy to manufacture more than 100 marijuana plants, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §846.

As part of his plea, on July 1, 2010, Calogero admitted that from November 2009 until April 15, 2010, he conspired with Joshua J. Cole and others to manufacture marijuana plants at two separate locations, 435 Boscobel Lane, Moravia, New York, and 4000 State Street Road, Skaneateles, New York. At both locations, Calogero and Cole set up and maintained large marijuana manufacturing operations that combined produced over 500 marijuana plants.

This prosecution resulted from a joint investigation undertaken by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Finger Lakes Drug Task Force, the Auburn Police Department, the Cayuga County Sheriff's Office, the New York State Police, the Onondaga County District Attorney's

Office, and the Cayuga County District Attorney's Office. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Geoffrey Brown.