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### **NEWS RELEASE**

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

JOAN PAPINEAU, 40, of Nedrow, New York, was sentenced today by Senior United States District Judge Frederick J. Scullin to a term of 37 months imprisonment for her plea of guilty to conspiring to possess with intent to distribute and distribute between 60 and 80 kilograms of marijuana between August and December 2008. PAPINEAU played a large role in a marijuana conspiracy in which well over 100 kilograms of marijuana was brought from the Akwesasne Mohawk Indian Reservation (AMIR), near the U.S./Canadian border, to the Onondaga Indian Reservation in Nedrow, New York. In her role as a co-conspirator, PAPINEAU received multiple loads of marijuana delivered by her co-conspirators from the Akwesasne Mohawk Indian Reservation to her residence on the Onondaga Reservation. She thereafter re-sold the marijuana, in smaller quantities, to other co-conspirators and to various Syracuse area customers.

After PAPINEAU finishes serving her 37 month sentence of incarceration, she will be placed on supervised release for a period of 3 years. PAPINEAU was also ordered to pay a special assessment of \$100.

The PAPINEAU case investigated by the Syracuse Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office.

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