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DEFENDANT PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE NARCOTICS

Local Man Pleads Guilty to Possession with Intent to Distribute and Distribution of Prescription Narcotics and Marijuana

November 21, 2011

[Plattsburgh, New York]—United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian and United States Drug Enforcement Agency Resident Agent in Charge David Leu, Plattsburgh, announced today that KEVIN MURNANE, age 25, of Plattsburgh, New York, pled guilty on November 17, 2011, to Possession with Intent to Distribute and Distribution of a Controlled Substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(C) and (b)(1)(D). The controlled substances involved included Oxycodone, Morphine, Methodone, Hydromorphone and Marijuana. MURNANE entered a guilty plea in front of United States District Court Judge David N. Hurd in Albany, New York.

MURNANE was arrested on December 17, 2010 after a confidential source purchased Hydromorphone from MURNANE and federal law enforcement agents seized drugs from MURNANE's home and currency that MURNANE had sent to a California drug supplier. The investigation was conducted by United States Drug Enforcement Agency, Plattsburgh Police Department, Clinton County Sheriff's Department, New York State Police, and the Adirondack Drug Task Force. The case is being prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of New York.

MURNANE is scheduled to be sentenced on April 13, 2012, in Albany, New York. A conviction of Possession with the Intent to Distribute carries a maximum sentence of up to twenty

years imprisonment, and a fine up to \$1,000,000. Judge Hurd ordered that the defendant remain released on bond and conditions pending sentencing.

Any questions may be directed to Assistant United States Attorney Julie S. Pfluger in Plattsburgh, New York at 518-314-7800.