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## 6 ARRESTED IN HEROIN CONSPIRACY

Syracuse, NY—United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian announced the arrest and indictment of five (5) individuals, and arrest by criminal complaint of one (1) individual in connection with a large heroin distribution organization in Central New York. Those indicted in the heroin distribution conspiracy include the following:

**MARC PINKETT**, age 48, Syracuse, New York;  
**DEENA WEBSTER**, age 34, Syracuse, New York;  
**DANIEL RENDINO**, age 34, Syracuse, New York;  
**JOHN DURHAM**, age 46, Syracuse, New York; and  
**JACOB SHERRILL**, age 61, Syracuse, New York.

All of these individuals have been indicted by a federal grand jury with conspiring to possess with the intent to distribute and distributing over one (1) kilogram of heroin as well as substantive heroin trafficking charges. If convicted, the defendants face a mandatory ten year minimum term of imprisonment up to a maximum of life imprisonment, up to a \$4 million fine, and at least five years of supervised release following any period of incarceration.<sup>1</sup>

**LAURA MAYFIELD**, age 50, of Syracuse, was also charged, by criminal complaint, with conspiring to possess with the intent to distribute and distributing one hundred (100) grams or more of heroin.

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<sup>1</sup>The charges announced today are mere allegations and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

These prosecutions resulted from an investigation undertaken in the spring of 2010 by the Syracuse Resident Office of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the Special Investigations Unit of the Syracuse Police Department, and the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office. The nine month investigation revealed that this heroin trafficking organization was responsible for the distribution of over two (2) kilograms of heroin in the Central New York area from June 2010 through March 2011. The heroin was transported, by vehicle, from New York City to the Syracuse area where it was distributed to others by members of the conspiracy.

To date, the following items have been recovered during this investigation: approximately one-half (1/2) kilogram of heroin, consisting of over 12,000 individual doses, with an approximate street value of \$1,000,000.00; over \$15,000.00 in U.S. currency; two (2) guns, including an AK-47; and drug paraphernalia.

Further questions or inquiries may be directed to Assistant United States Attorney Carla Freedman, the prosecutor handling the case, at (315) 448-0672.

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