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**Canadian Sentenced to Time Served for
Attempting to Import 44 Pounds of Marijuana Into the United States**

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[Plattsburgh, New York]— MICHEL PERREAULT, 48, a Canadian citizen from Laval, Quebec, was sentenced today to time served by Senior United States District Judge Thomas J. McAvoy for attempted importation of marijuana and possession with intent to distribute marijuana, announced United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian and Resident Agent-in-Charge Roy Tario of Homeland Security Investigations. PERREAULT has been in custody since his arrest on February 16, 2011.

Following a trial, PERRAULT was convicted of one count of attempted importation of marijuana in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 952 and 960(a)(1) and (b)(4) and 963 and possession with intent to distribute marijuana in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a) and (b)(1)(D) . On February 16, 2011, PERRAULT attempted to enter the United States at the Champlain Port of Entry with 44 pounds of marijuana hidden in his rental car.

The case was the result of a joint investigation by Homeland Security Investigations and United States Customs and Border Protection. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Julie S. Pfluger.

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