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SYRACUSE MAN SENTENCED AS CAREER OFFENDER FOR DRUG CONVICTION

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[Plattsburgh, New York]—United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian announced today that JESUS PONCE, age 56, of Syracuse, New York, was sentenced to 96 months incarceration and five years supervised release after pleading guilty to Possession with Intent to Distribute Cocaine in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(C). PONCE had previously pled guilty to this charge in United States District Court in Syracuse.

PONCE was arrested on July 1, 2009, after he was found with approximately 28 grams of cocaine following a routine traffic stop by the Syracuse Police. Because PONCE had two prior felony drug convictions federal law classified him as a Career Offender and provides for enhanced penalties.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Julie S. Pfluger.

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