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3 ARRESTED IN MARIJUANA CONSPIRACY

Syracuse, NY—United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian announced the arrest and indictment of three (3) individuals in connection with a marijuana distribution organization in Central New York. Those indicted in the marijuana distribution conspiracy include the following:

LUMAN PARO, age 51, Syracuse, New York;
AMOS CONNERS aka AMOS CONNORS, age 41, Hogansburg, New York; and
MELISSA BROWN, age 42, Hogansburg, 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 100 kilograms of marijuana. If convicted, the defendants face a mandatory five year minimum term of imprisonment up to a maximum of forty years imprisonment, up to a \$5 million fine, and at least four years of supervised release following any period of incarceration.¹

These prosecutions resulted from an investigation undertaken by the Syracuse Resident Office of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the Central New York High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Strike Force, and the U.S. Attorney's Office. The HIDTA Strike Force is comprised of agents, detectives, and investigators from the DEA, Onondaga County Sheriff's Office, the Syracuse Police Department, Homeland Security Investigations, United States Customs and Border Protection, and the Onondaga County District Attorney's Office.

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

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

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