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**LEADER OF NEWBURGH HEROIN-TRAFFICKING CONSPIRACY  
CONVICTED BY WHITE PLAINS FEDERAL JURY**

PREET BHARARA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that CHRISTOPHER YEAGLEY, a/k/a "Taz," of the City of Newburgh, New York, was found guilty by a federal jury in White Plains today of participating in a conspiracy to distribute over one kilogram of heroin and of distributing and possessing with intent to distribute heroin, following a 15-day trial before United States District Judge KENNETH M. KARAS.

As demonstrated by the evidence at trial, YEAGLEY, 29, and his co-conspirators purchased large amounts of heroin in the Bronx and then sold that heroin in the City of Newburgh for more than a year. YEAGLEY was the leader of the organization, and operated several drug distribution locations in Newburgh. Law enforcement officers recovered more than 900 glassine envelopes of heroin, three firearms, and dozens of rounds of ammunition in two of the drug distribution locations.

YEAGLEY was found guilty on both counts of a two-count Indictment - one count of conspiring to distribute and possess with intent to distribute over one kilogram of heroin from about December 2007 through February 2009, and one count of distributing and possessing with intent to distribute heroin on March 26, 2008.

At sentencing, YEAGLEY faces a potential total maximum term of life imprisonment and a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 10 years on the two counts on which he was found guilty. He is scheduled to be sentenced by Judge KARAS on April 30, 2010.

Mr. BHARARA praised the efforts and assistance of the United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the City of Newburgh Police Department.

Assistant United States Attorneys ANNA M. SKOTKO and  
ANDREW S. DEMBER are in charge of the prosecution.

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