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BUFFALO MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO GUN AND DRUG CHARGES

BUFFALO, N.Y.--U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Esteban Peira Acevedo, 52, of Buffalo, N.Y., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Chief Judge William M. Skretny, to being a felon in possession of a firearm and possession with intent to distribute, and the distribution of heroin. The charges carry a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison, a \$1,000,000 fine, or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Mary Catherine Baumgarten, who is handling the case, stated that in August, 2005, the defendant, who had previously been convicted of felony burglary, traded heroin with another individual in exchange for seven firearms which were stolen from a residence. In addition, in September 2008, Acevedo sold heroin in the City of Buffalo.

The plea is the culmination of an investigation by Special Agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, under the direction of Frank Christiano, Special Agent in Charge.

Sentencing is scheduled for July 23, 2012, at 9:00 a.m., in Buffalo, N.Y., before Judge Skretny.

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