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NIAGARA FALLS MAN SENTENCED ON DRUG CHARGES

BUFFALO, N.Y.– U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Anthony Brantley, 31, of Niagara Falls, N.Y., who was convicted of possession of crack cocaine with intent to distribute, and possession of a loaded revolver in connection with a drug trafficking offense, was sentenced to seven years by U.S. District Judge Richard J. Arcara.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Anthony M. Bruce, who handled the case, stated that on January 17, 2007, Brantley was arrested by Niagara Falls Police officers. During the arrest, officers found six grams of crack cocaine packaged for distribution in Brantley's pants pocket. On September 25, 2008, after Brantley failed to appear in court, Niagara Falls Police officers tried to arrest him again but the defendant fled. As Brantley fled, he discarded a back pack which was recovered by officers. The backpack contained 70 small chunks of crack cocaine packaged for distribution, a scale, a fully loaded .22 magnum revolver and an additional 23 rounds of ammunition.

The sentencing is the result of an investigation by the Niagara Falls Police Department, under the direction of Superintendent John Chella and the Drug Enforcement Administration, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Brian R. Crowell, New York Field Division.

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