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## **NEW YORK CITY MAN SENTENCED ON DRUG CHARGES**

ROCHESTER, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that James Brome a/k/a Trouble a/k/a B, 33, of New York City, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Charles J. Siragusa to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and distribution of five kilograms or more of cocaine. The charge carries a mandatory minimum penalty of 10 years in prison, a maximum of life, a fine of \$10,000,000 or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert A. Marangola, who is handling the case, stated that Brome, a parolee, was the supplier to a Wayne County-based group of cocaine and crack cocaine distributors. The defendant delivered kilograms of cocaine from New York City to distributors in Wayne and Seneca Counties where the cocaine was processed, weighed, packaged, and resold in various quantities. Brome also utilized women to deliver cocaine to Wayne County and pick up drug money to return to New York City.

As part of the joint state and federal wiretap investigation, multiple search warrants were executed in Wayne County in November 2010. Drugs, drug paraphernalia, firearms, and cash were seized at various locations. Brome was one of seven individuals indicted by a federal grand jury in May 2011. To date, six defendants have been convicted.

The plea is the culmination of an investigation conducted by the Wayne County Narcotics Enforcement Team under the direction of John Colella, Chief of the Town of Macedon Police Department and Robert Hetzke, Chief Deputy of the Wayne County Sheriff's Office, the Wayne County Sheriff's Office under the direction of Sheriff Barry Virts, the New York State Police, under the direction of Lieutenant Martin E. McKee, the Rochester Office of the United States Drug Enforcement Administration under the direction of Brian R. Crowell, Special Agent in Charge, New York Region, with assistance provided by the Wayne County District Attorney's Office, under the direction of Rick Healy.



Sentencing is scheduled for February 26, 2013 at 3:45 p.m. before Judge Siragusa.

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