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NIAGARA FALLS MAN SENTENCED ON GUN CHARGES

BUFFALO, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Melvin L. Calhoun, 23, of Niagara Falls, N.Y., who was convicted of unlawful possession of a firearm, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Richard J. Arcara to 21 months in prison.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert C. Moscati, who handled the case, stated that during the execution of a search warrant in October 2012, Calhoun was found to be in possession of a .38 caliber pistol in his bedroom together with a quantity of marijuana. The defendant admitted to being a marijuana user and to possessing the pistol in connection with the distribution of marijuana.

The sentencing is the culmination of an investigation on the part of the Niagara Falls Police Department, under the direction of Chief John Chella, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, under the direction of Resident Agent in Charge Frank Christiano, and the Drug Enforcement Administration, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Brian R. Crowell, New York Field Division.

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