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GENESEE COUNTY MAN SENTENCED IN METHAMPHETAMINE TRAFFICKING CASE

ROCHESTER, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Andrew Chapman, 42, of Batavia, N.Y., who was convicted of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute, and to distribute, methamphetamine, was sentenced to two years probation by U.S. District Judge Charles J. Siragusa.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Brett A. Harvey, who handled the case, stated that the charges stemmed from a joint federal, state and local investigation which revealed that the defendant was responsible for obtaining quantities of methamphetamine from a supplier, Donald G. Vanelli II, in LeRoy, N.Y., and then sharing methamphetamine with others on numerous occasions between April 2010 and July 9, 2010.

Donald Vanelli was convicted of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute, and to distribute, 500 grams or more of methamphetamine and sentenced to 210 months in prison in May 2011.

The sentencing is the culmination of an investigation on the part of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under the direction of Special-Agent-In-Charge Christopher M. Piehota, the Genesee County Sheriff's Office, under the direction of Sheriff Gary T. Maha, the Drug Enforcement Administration, under the direction of Brian R. Crowell, Special Agent in Charge, New York Field Division, the New York State Police, under the direction of Superintendent Joseph D'Amico, the City of Batavia Police Department, under the direction of Chief Shawn Heubusch, and the Village of LeRoy Police Department, under the direction of Chief Christopher K. Hayward.

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