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AKRON WOMAN ARRESTED, CHARGED WITH SELLING SYNTHETIC MARIJUANA

BUFFALO, N.Y.—U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Tiffany E. Greiner, 22, of Akron, N.Y., was arrested and charged by Criminal Complaint with conspiracy and possession with intent to distribute controlled substance analogues intended for human consumption. The charge carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison, a \$1,000,000 fine or both. If the substances described below caused serious bodily injury, the punishment will be a mandatory minimum period of incarceration of 20, and a maximum period of life imprisonment.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Thomas S. Duszkievicz, who is handling the case, stated that the defendant is employed as a sales clerk at the Sacajawea Smoke Shop on the Tonawanda Indian Reservation in Basom, N.Y. According to the Criminal Complaint, the charges stem from a lengthy investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration involving the sales of synthetic marijuana and bath salts which resulted in the execution of numerous Search Warrants at various reservation smoke shops on February 23, 2012. The Criminal Complaint alleges that the defendant sold quantities of “Sexy Monkey” and “Alien Incense”, both controlled substance analogues, intending them for human consumption, to undercover agents during the course of the investigation.

The Criminal Complaint is the result of an investigation by Special Agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration, under the direction of Wilbert L. Plummer, Acting Special Agent in Charge, New York Field Division, with assistance from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, under the direction of Resident Agent in Charge Frank Christiano, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge James C. Spero, and the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department, under the direction of Sheriff Gary Maha.

The fact that a defendant has been charged with a crime is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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