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SECOND ASSOCIATE OF BAILEY BOYS CRIMINAL GANG CONVICTED

BUFFALO, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Marlon Johnson, Jr., 23, of Buffalo, N.Y., pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition before Chief U.S. District Judge William M. Skretny. The charge carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine or both.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Anthony M. Bruce and Assistant Erie County District Attorney Paul Parisi, who is working as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, on December 16, 2011, the defendant, who was with a group of other young men on Emerson Street in Buffalo, bolted from the group and ran when a Buffalo Police Officer came to the scene to investigate suspected drug activities. The officer chased after Johnson who dropped a defaced semi-automatic pistol into a garbage tote as he ran into an apartment building. Inside, the officer found the defendant and placed him under arrest. Johnson was previously convicted of felony weapon and drug charges.

Today's developments are just the latest in a continuing series of actions aimed at the Bailey Boys gang allegedly operating in the City of Buffalo. On July 24, 2012, Deon Allen pleaded guilty to committing a violent crime in aid of a racketeering enterprise. On August 1, 2012, seven members and associates of the Bailey Boys were indicted on murder, racketeering, drug and gun charges. Authorities believe that Johnson, the subject of today's conviction, in fact was a criminal associate of the Bailey Boys.

"In announcing yesterday the arrest of seven suspected members and associates of the Bailey Boys, we indicated that the investigation into this gang and its activities is continuing," said U.S. Attorney Hochul. "With today's conviction, we have removed yet another gang associate from the streets of Buffalo. This Office will continue to pursue other violent criminals and prosecute them to the fullest extent of the law."

The plea is the result of an investigation by the Buffalo Police Department, under the direction of Commissioner Daniel Derenda and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, under the direction of Resident Agent in Charge Frank Christiano.

Sentencing is scheduled for November 26, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. before Judge Skretny.