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## **BUFFALO MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO DRUG CHARGE**

BUFFALO, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that David Long, 31, of Buffalo, N.Y., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Richard J. Arcara, to conspiracy to distribute cocaine. The charge carries a maximum penalty of 40 years in prison, a \$2,000,000 fine or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Mary Clare Kane, who is handling the case, stated that between January of 2008 and July 2008, the defendant conspired with others to possess and to distribute more than 500 grams of cocaine. On July 29, 2008, a search warrant was executed at the defendant's home. Officers seized \$8,900 in U.S. currency and seven cellular telephones.

Long was indicted along with 30 others in May 2009 following an investigation into drug dealing and weapons possession in the Central Park area of the City of Buffalo. Long is the 24th defendant to be convicted.

The plea is the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration, under the direction of Brian R. Crowell, Special Agent in Charge, New York Field Division and the Buffalo Police Department, under the direction of Commissioner Daniel Derenda.

Sentencing is scheduled for December 12, 2012 at 12:30 p.m. before Judge Arcara.

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