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ROCHESTER MAN SENTENCED ON COCAINE CHARGES

ROCHESTER, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Samuel Maldonado, 54, of Rochester, N.Y., who was convicted by a jury of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute, and to distribute, 500 grams or more of cocaine, and possession with intent to distribute cocaine, was sentenced to 25 years in prison and eight years supervised release by U.S. District Judge Charles J. Siragusa.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert A. Marangola, who handled the case, stated that in July 2011, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Rochester Police Department executed a search warrant at the defendant's home. During the search, officers recovered approximately 63 grams of cocaine, hundreds of bags for packaging cocaine for sale, digital scales, and other drug trafficking paraphernalia. The defendant, who has three prior felony convictions, was inside the home and arrested by officers.

The sentencing is the result of an investigation by the Firearms Suppression Unit, composed of law enforcement personnel from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives under the direction of Resident Agent in Charge Scott Heagney, the Rochester Police Department, under the direction of Chief James Sheppard, the United States Marshal's Service under the direction of Charles Salina, and the Monroe County Sheriff's Department, under the direction of Sheriff Patrick O'Flynn.

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