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BUFFALO MAN SENTENCED ON DRUG CHARGES

BUFFALO, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Lawrence Melson, 43, of Buffalo, N.Y., who was convicted in two separate cases of distributing crack cocaine, was sentenced to two concurrent terms of 110 months in prison and three years supervised release by U.S. District Judge Richard J. Arcara.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Mary Clare Kane, who handled the case, stated that the defendant sold 29 grams of crack cocaine in May 2006. Melson also sold a half a gram of crack cocaine in September 2009.

The sentencing 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 and the New York State Police, under the direction of Major Christopher Cummings.

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