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## CANADIAN WOMAN SENTENCED ON DRUG IMPORTATION CHARGES

BUFFALO, N.Y.--U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Karlene Powless, 28, of Brantford, Ontario, Canada, who was convicted of conspiracy to import marijuana into the United States from Canada and bail jumping, was sentenced to 37 months in prison by U.S. District Judge Richard J. Arcara.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Mary Catherine Baumgarten, who handled the case, stated that on November 10, 2004, Powless and co-defendant Danielle Bomberry, were arrested at the Peace Bridge Port of Entry attempting to enter the United States from Canada while smuggling marijuana. Further investigation determined that Powless and Bomberry smuggled various amounts of marijuana from Canada into the United States approximately 15 times before they were arrested. Both defendants failed to return to the United States after being released on bail, and were extradited from Canada to answer charges.

On June 18, 2012, Danielle Bomberry, 29, of Oshweken, Ontario, Canada, was sentenced to 42 months in prison by Judge Arcara.

The sentencing is the culmination of an investigation by Special Agents of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations, under the direction of James C. Spero.

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