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FINAL DEFENDANT PLEADS GUILTY IN FEDERAL DRUG CONSPIRACY

ROCHESTER, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Hubart Sirmons, 36, of Rochester, N.Y., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Charles J. Siragusa, to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and distribution of five kilograms or more of cocaine. The charge carries a maximum penalty of life in prison, a fine of \$4,000,000 or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Jennifer M. Noto, who handled the case, stated that the defendant was involved in a drug conspiracy that was responsible for the distribution of large amounts of cocaine, crack cocaine and heroin in the Rochester area between 2008 and 2010. Sirmons and 11 others were arrested in 2010 after a nearly year long investigation conducted by Federal and State authorities. The defendant is the final defendant to plead guilty.

The plea is the culmination of a multi-agency investigation under the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDEF) initiative. Federal and State law enforcement agencies, including Special Agents of the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearm and Explosives, under the direction of Scott Heagney, Special Agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration, under the direction of Timothy Kernan, Special Agents of the Criminal Investigation Division of the Internal Revenue Service under the direction of Jarod Koopman, and officers from the Greater Rochester Area Narcotics Enforcement Team, under the direction of Lt. Joseph Morabito worked in concert with the United States Attorney's Office in the year long investigation.

Sentencing is scheduled for May 14, 2012, at 3:45 a.m. EST, in Rochester, N.Y., before Judge Siragusa.

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