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ROCHESTER WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO MANUFACTURING MARIJUANA

ROCHESTER, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Joy Sullivan, 55, of Rochester, N.Y., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge David G. Larimer, to manufacturing marijuana plants. The charge carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison, a fine of \$250,000 or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Jennifer M. Noto, who is handling the case, stated that in April 2012, during a search by the United States Probation Office with the assistance of members of the Drug Enforcement Agency, law enforcement officers located a marijuana grow operation in the second floor area of the defendant's residence. More than 100 marijuana plants were seized. At the time, the defendant was serving a term of federal probation for a prior conviction relating to marijuana manufacturing.

The plea is the culmination of an investigation on the part of officers of the United States Probation Office, under the direction of Anthony San Giacomo and Special Agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration, under the direction of Wilbert L. Plummer, Acting Special Agent in Charge, New York Field Division.

Sentencing is scheduled for September 21, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. in Rochester, N.Y., in front of Judge Larimer.

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