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## **HUSBAND AND WIFE; THIRD PERSON INDICTED ON DRUG CHARGES**

BUFFALO, N.Y.--U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that a federal grand jury has returned an indictment charging Damien Goodwin, 50, his wife Juanita Smith, 53, both of Buffalo, N.Y., and Derek Sardina, 24, of Syracuse, N.Y., with conspiracy to distribute oxymorphone. The charge carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison, a \$1,000,000 fine or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael L. McCabe, who is handling the case, stated that the indictment is the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration. The investigation included three undercover buys of oxymorphone in September and October of 2012.

The defendants were arraigned this afternoon before U.S. Magistrate Judge H. Kenneth Schroeder. They were released and are due back in court on December 26, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

The indictment is the result of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Brian R. Crowell, New York Field Division.

The fact that a defendant has been charged with a crime is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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