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BUFFALO MAN SENTENCED ON DRUG DISTRIBUTION CHARGE

BUFFALO, N.Y.--U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Kasen Shamar Turner, 29, of Buffalo, N.Y., who was convicted of possession with intent to distribute cocaine, and a violation of the conditions of his supervised release, was sentenced to six years in prison and four years supervised released by Chief U.S. District Judge William M. Skretny.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Mary Catherine Baumgarten, who handled the case, stated that on September 12, 2011, Turner agreed to sell three ounces of cocaine base to an individual, at the direction of law enforcement officers in the City of Buffalo. As the defendant was en route to conduct that drug deal, law enforcement officers attempted to stop the vehicle Turner was driving. The defendant lead officers on a high speed chase through neighborhoods in the Buffalo.

The plea is the culmination of an investigation by Drug Enforcement Administration, under the direction of Brian R. Crowell, Special Agent in Charge New York Field Division, the Erie County Sheriff's Department, under the direction of Sheriff Timothy Howard, the Lackawanna Police Department, under the direction of Chief James Michel, and the Buffalo Police Department, under the direction of Commissioner Daniel Derenda.

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