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NIAGARA FALLS MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE

BUFFALO, N.Y.---U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Maurice Ubiles, of Niagara Falls, N.Y., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Richard J. Arcara to obstructing justice. The charge carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy C. Lynch, who is handling the case, stated that the defendant lied to law enforcement officers about a controlled drug purchase he allegedly made from a target of a Niagara Falls Police and U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration narcotics investigation. As a result of the false information provided by Ubiles, the target was arrested and charged in federal court. The charges were later dismissed once law enforcement officers and the United States Attorney's Office determined that the defendant had lied about the drug purchase.

The plea is the result of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration, under the direction of Brian R. Crowell, Special Agent in Charge, New York Field Division, and the Niagara Falls Police Department, under the direction of Chief John Chella.

Sentencing is scheduled for January 13, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. before Judge Arcara.

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