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MAN INDICTED ON DRUG CHARGES

BUFFALO, N.Y.--U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that a federal grand jury has returned a three count Indictment charging Scott J. Bald, 26, of Buffalo, NY, with conspiracy to commit robbery of a pharmacy and conspiracy to distribute Oxycodone. The charge carries a maximum penalty of 20 years, a \$1,000,000 fine, or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Mary Catherine Baumgarten, who is handling the case, stated that on December 31, 2010, the defendant conspired with co-conspirator Michael McCallum, to rob the Clinton Pharmacy at 2032 Clinton Street, Buffalo, New York. McCallum jumped onto and over the pharmacy counter, threatened pharmacy employees, and stole approximately 1341 prescription pills containing Oxycodone, Oxycontin, and Percocet. Bald and McCallum thereafter sold the majority of those prescription pills to other individuals in the Western District of New York.

McCallum pleaded guilty on August 24, 2011 to robbery of a pharmacy and will be sentenced on December 19, 2011.

The Indictment is the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration, under the direction of Wilbert L. Plummer, Acting Special Agent in Charge, 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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