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BUFFALO MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO DRUG CONSPIRACY CHARGES

BUFFALO, N.Y.--U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Scott J. Bald, 26, of Buffalo, N.Y., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Richard J. Arcara, to conspiracy to distribute oxycodone. The charge carries a maximum of 20 years in prison, 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 May 25, 2012.

The plea 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.

Sentencing is scheduled for July 19, 2012, at 1:00 p.m., in Buffalo, N.Y., before Judge Arcara.

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