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## NIAGARA FALLS MAN SENTENCED IN DRUG CASE

BUFFALO, N.Y.—U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Anthony Bones, 23, of Niagara Falls, New York, who was convicted of distribution of crack cocaine, was sentenced to 24 months in prison followed by five years supervised release by Chief U.S. District Judge William M. Skretny.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Charles B. Wydysh, who handled the case, stated that the defendant was arrested on April 28, 2008 as part of an investigation into the gang-related distribution of crack cocaine in Niagara Falls. During the investigation, a search warrant was executed at Bones' residence which resulted in the seizure of crack cocaine and drug paraphernalia.

Bones was one of 24 defendants arrested. To date, 19 have been convicted through guilty pleas. Bones is the tenth defendant to be sentenced.

The sentencing is the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, under the direction of Resident Agent in Charge Francis J. Christiano; the Drug Enforcement Administration, under the direction of Resident Agent in Charge Dale M. Kasprzyk; the Niagara Falls Police Department, under the direction of Superintendent John Chella; the Niagara County District Attorney's Office, under the direction of District Attorney Michael J. Violante; and the New York State Police, under the direction of Major Matthew Renneman.

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