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## **MAN SENTENCED FOR SELLING PRESCRIPTION DRUGS**

BUFFALO, N.Y.--U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Courtney Callahan, 27, of Buffalo, New York, who was convicted of conspiring to distribute OxyContin pills, was sentenced by Chief District Judge William M. Skretny to four years in prison. Callahan was originally arrested on July 15, 2010 following a long-term investigation into the widespread illegal sale of prescription drugs in the City of Buffalo and its eastern suburbs.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael L. McCabe, who is handling the case, Callahan was a significant distributor of OxyContin tablets in the City of Buffalo. OxyContin is a popular brand-name for tablets containing oxycodone, a powerful and potentially addictive pain killer. Callahan sold over 500 OxyContin tablets to many customers on Strauss Street in Buffalo, including customers who then redistributed the drugs in the Cheektowaga and Lancaster areas.

Callahan was arrested along with 25 others in July, 2010. To date, 18 of the 26 defendants have been convicted.

The sentencing is the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration, under the direction of John P. Gilbride, Special Agent in Charge, New York Field Division, in conjunction with many local and state authorities such as the New York State Police, the Buffalo Police Department, the Cheektowaga Police Department, the West Seneca Police Department and the Lancaster Police Department.

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