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BUS PASSENGER SENTENCED FOR IMPORTING ECSTASY

BUFFALO, N.Y. - U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Leonardo Orlando Ricardo Coleman, 25, of Toronto, Ontario, who was convicted of importation of a controlled substance, was sentenced to 46 months in prison by U.S. District Judge Richard J. Arcara.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Thomas S. Duszkievicz, who handled the case, stated that the defendant imported over 2,000 Ecstasy tablets into the U.S. from Canada. Coleman was arrested on a bus at the Rainbow Bridge on May 25, 2010. Customs and Border Protection Officers noticed that he appeared to have an abnormal bulge in the front waistband of his pants. During a search, officers recovered two clear plastic bags containing MDMA and BZP, valued at more than \$51,000. The defendant will be deported back to Canada after the completion of his sentence.

The sentencing is the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge James C. Spero and Customs and Border Protection, under the direction of Port Director Joseph Wilson.