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ROCHESTER WOMAN AND HEROIN TRAFFICKER SENTENCED FOR FOURTH DRUG FELONY

ROCHESTER, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Rejeanne Collier, 55, Rochester, N.Y., who was convicted of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute, and to distribute, one kilogram or more of heroin, was sentenced to 19 years in prison and 10 years supervised release by U.S. District Judge Charles J. Siragusa.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert A. Marangola, who handled the case, stated that since 2009, Collier, who has three felony drug convictions, was involved in purchasing large quantities of heroin from New York City and Connecticut. The defendant and others then sold the heroin to street-level customers in the Rochester area.

Collier was arrested November 9, 2011 after Pennsylvania State Troopers stopped the vehicle she was traveling in with co-defendant Robert Wilson on Interstate 80 in Pocono Township. During a search of the vehicle, law enforcement officers seized 12,000 packets of heroin and over \$5,000 in U.S. currency. On November 14, 2011, members of the Greater Rochester Area Narcotics Enforcement Team (GRANET) executed a narcotics search warrant at Collier's residence on Chandler Street in Rochester and recovered additional drug trafficking paraphernalia.

Robert Wilson was sentenced to 97 months in prison on June 5, 2012.

The sentencing is the culmination of an investigation on the part of the Pennsylvania State Police, under the direction of Commissioner Frank Noonan, the Rochester Police Department, under the direction of Chief James Sheppard, the Drug Enforcement Administration, under the direction of Brian R. Crowell, Special Agent in Charge, New York Field Division, and the Greater Rochester Area Narcotics Enforcement Team, under the

direction of Lt. Joseph Morabito.

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