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## **ROCHESTER MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO DRUG AND GUN CHARGES**

ROCHESTER, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Bennie Davis, 30, of Rochester, N.Y., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge David G. Larimer, to distribution of cocaine base and possession of a firearm in the furtherance of the drug distribution activity. The drug charge carries a maximum penalty of 30 years with a consecutive mandatory minimum penalty of five years on the firearm charge, a fine of \$2,000,000, or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Charles Moynihan, who is handling the case, stated that after previously purchasing crack from the defendant, police, on May 18, 2010, executed of a search warrant at the defendant's Bernard Street residence. Officers found a key to a Range Rover parked in the rear of the residence, and during the search of that vehicle, officers found 42 individually packaged bags of crack cocaine along with drug paraphernalia and a loaded handgun.

The plea is the culmination of an investigation on the part of on the part of Special Agents of the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives under the direction of Scott Heagney, Resident Agent in Charge and the Rochester Police Department under the direction of Chief James M. Sheppard.

Sentencing is scheduled for January 27 at 3:00 p.m. before Judge Larimer.