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NIAGARA FALLS MAN SENTENCED IN DRUG CASE

BUFFALO, N.Y.—U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Javon J. Ellison, 22, of Niagara Falls, New York, who was convicted of conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine, was sentenced to 51 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 in March 2009 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 a known drug location utilized by Ellison which resulted in the seizure of crack cocaine and drug paraphernalia.

Ellison was one of 24 defendants arrested. To date, 20 have been convicted through guilty pleas. Ellison is the 12th 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 Wilbert L. Plummer, Acting Special Agent in Charge, New York Field Division; 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 Christopher Cummings.