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**CHEEKTOWAGA MAN SENTENCED TO
FIVE YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON ON DRUG CHARGE**

BUFFALO, N.Y.--U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Jose Estrada, age forty (40), of Buffalo, New York, was sentenced today to five (5) years in prison by Chief United States District Judge William M. Skretny for his plea to cocaine related charges.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael L. McCabe, Estrada had earlier pleaded guilty to cocaine trafficking stemming from a January 14, 2011 incident at Estrada's residence on Leonard Post Drive in Cheektowaga. There, agents from the Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA") and detectives from the Buffalo and Cheektowaga Police Departments executed a search warrant and located 480 grams of cocaine in the basement ceiling and 2.3 kilograms of cocaine in the rafters of Estrada's garage, in addition to various scales which are used to measure and distribute cocaine. Agents and detectives also located forty-two (42) additional grams of cocaine in Estrada's vehicle.

The sentence was the culmination of an investigation on the part of agents from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration under the direction of Wilbert L. Plummer, Acting Special Agent in Charge, New York Field Division, and detectives from the Buffalo Police Department under the Direction of Daniel Derenda, Commissioner, and David J. Zack, Chief, Cheektowaga Police Department.

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