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BUFFALO WOMAN SENTENCED ON DRUG CHARGES

BUFFALO, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Jaleesa Findley, 24, of Buffalo, N.Y., who was convicted of attempted possession with intent to distribute marijuana, was sentenced to three years probation, including one year electronic monitoring, by U.S. District Judge Richard J. Arcara.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Mary Clare Kane, who handled the case, stated that the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) received a telephone call from a representative of the Los Angeles (CA) High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) group regarding a shipment of parcels containing 200 pounds of marijuana that were due to arrive at a shipping company in Buffalo. On June 3, 2009, the defendant was driven by her husband, Ian Findley, to the transportation facility where she signed for the parcels. The couple was arrested as they attempted to drive away with the marijuana.

Ian Findley, 43, of Jamaica, who was convicted of attempting to possess with intent to distribute marijuana, was sentenced to 46 months in prison by Judge Arcara on January 18, 2012. Findley was also ordered deported to Jamaica.

The sentencing is the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration, under the direction of Wilbert L. Plummer, Acting Special Agent in Charge, New York Field Division.

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