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## **BUFFALO MAN SENTENCED ON DRUG CONSPIRACY CHARGES**

BUFFALO, N.Y.--U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Miguel Guzman, 27, of Buffalo, N.Y., who was convicted of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute marijuana, was sentenced to three years probation by U.S. District Court Judge Richard J. Arcara.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Mary Catherine Baumgarten, who handled the case, stated that the defendant conspired with Derek Frank in his drug-trafficking activities. Specifically, Guzman assisted in the shipping of packages containing marijuana via the United States Postal Service from Phoenix, Arizona and the reception of those packages at various residences in the City of Buffalo.

Derek Frank pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute 100 kilograms or more of marijuana and money laundering conspiracy on February 17, 2012. He faces up to 60 years in prison and a \$5,500,000 fine when sentenced in June.

Other individuals were involved in the conspiracy, including former Transportation Safety Administration employee Minnetta Walker, who was sentenced to 24 months in prison, Regina McCullen, a former employee of the City of Buffalo, who was sentenced to probation; and Tinisha Tucker-Anthony, a former U.S. Airways employee, who is scheduled to be sentenced on April 10, 2012.

The plea is a part of the ongoing investigation on the part of Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Christopher M. Piehota; U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, under the direction of James C. Spero; and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, under the direction of Wilbert L. Plummer, Acting Special Agent in Charge, New York Field Division.

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