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## **ILLEGAL ALIEN PLEADS GUILTY TO DRUG CONSPIRACY**

ROCHESTER, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Kimanhi Hinds, 29, of Jamaica, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge David G. Larimer, to felony charges of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute 50 kilograms or more of marijuana and unlawful reentry. The drug conspiracy carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison, a fine of \$1,000,000 or both and the unlawful reentry carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison, a fine of \$250,000 or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Jennifer Noto, who handled the case, stated that the defendant was arrested on June 28, 2010, after special agents from the United States Homeland Security Investigations ("HSI") intercepted a large crate containing close to 80 kilograms of marijuana sent from Arizona addressed to a residence in Greece, New York. HSI special agents executed a controlled delivery of the package and arrested the defendant and two others, Richard Brown and William Silva, both of Rochester, New York, as they attempted to receive the crate. Hinds admitted his participation in this drug conspiracy and his involvement in attempting to receive the crate of marijuana. Hinds, a citizen of Jamaica, was previously deported from the United States in 2002 after being convicted of a drug felony in Queens, New York. As part of his plea, Hinds admitted that he was unlawfully present in the United States when he was arrested on June 28, 2010, having re-entered the country after being lawfully removed without the consent of the Attorney General of the United States or the Secretary for Homeland Security.

The plea was the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of the United States Homeland Security Investigations, under the direction of James C. Spero.

Sentencing is scheduled for Dec. 15, 2011, at 3:00 p.m. EST, in Rochester, N.Y., in front of Judge Larimer.