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## **JAMESTOWN MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO DRUG CHARGES**

BUFFALO, N.Y.--U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Alexander Kates, 32, of Jamestown, N.Y., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Chief Judge William M. Skretny, to escape from a halfway house. The charge carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Mary Catherine Baumgarten, who is handling the case, stated that on April 27, 2010, the defendant failed to return to the halfway house in Buffalo, New York, where he was ordered to reside as a condition of release on a previous federal conviction. Kates remained at large until January 4, 2011.

The plea is the culmination of an investigation by United States Probation Office, under the direction of Chief Anthony M. San Giacomo and the United States Marshal's Service, under the direction of Charles Salina.

Sentencing is scheduled for April 11, 2012, at 9:00 a.m., in Buffalo, N.Y., before Chief Judge Skretny.

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