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BUFFALO WOMAN SENTENCED IN PRESCRIPTION PILL TRAFFICKING CASE

BUFFALO, N.Y.--U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Christine Layman, 35, of Buffalo, N.Y., who was convicted of using a communication facility when conspiring with others to distribute hydrocodone pills, was sentenced by Chief U.S. District Judge William M. Skretny to two years probation.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael L. McCabe, the defendant purchased over 500 hydrocodone pills from co-defendant Michael McCall and then distributed the pills to others. Layman was arrested along with 25 others in July, 2010. To date, 19 of the 26 defendants have been convicted.

The case against McCall is still pending in federal court. The fact that a defendant has been charged with a crime is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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 in conjunction with many local and state authorities such as the New York State Police, the Buffalo Police Department, the Cheektowaga Police Department, the West Seneca Police Department and the Lancaster Police Department..

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