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## **BUFFALO MAN SENTENCED ON DRUG AND FIREARMS CHARGES**

BUFFALO, N.Y.--U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Jermaine A. Leatherwood, 31, of Buffalo, N.Y., who was convicted of possession of firearms in furtherance of drug trafficking and distribution of cocaine base, was sentenced to 78 months in prison and three years supervised released by Chief U.S. District Judge William M. Skretny.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Mary Catherine Baumgarten, who handled the case, stated that between September and October 2010, the defendant sold cocaine from his residence on Goethe Street in the City of Buffalo. On October 14, 2010, during a search of the residence by the Erie County Sheriff's Department, law enforcement officials seized cocaine, marijuana, two rifles, assorted ammunition, and drug paraphernalia.

The sentencing is the culmination of an investigation by Special Agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, under the direction of Resident Agent in Charge Frank Christiano, and the Erie County Sheriff's Department, under the direction of Sheriff Timothy Howard.

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