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## TWO MEN SENTENCED IN DRUG CONSPIRACY

ROCHESTER, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Victor Lebron, 34, of Rochester, NY, who pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute cocaine and heroin and money laundering, was sentenced to 192 months in prison by U.S. District Judge David G. Larimer. Lebron also forfeited more than \$160,000 in cash and three vehicles as proceeds of his drug activities. Judge Larimer also sentenced Melvin Rivera, 29, of Rochester, NY, who pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute cocaine and heroin to 60 months in prison.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Jennifer Noto, who handled the case, stated that the defendants participated in a drug organization that was responsible for the widespread distribution of cocaine and heroin in the Avenue C and Radio Street areas of Rochester, New York between January 2005 and October 2009. Lebron was the leader of this organization and Rivera was one of multiple co-conspirators who sold heroin and cocaine for Lebron.

Lebron and Rivera were two of 12 defendants arrested for their participation in this large drug trafficking organization. All 12 defendants have been convicted. Lebron and Rivera were the tenth and eleventh defendants to be sentenced.

The sentencings are the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearm and Explosives, under the direction of Scott L. Heagney and officers from the Greater Rochester Area Narcotics Enforcement Team, under the direction of Lt. Joseph Morabito and the Rochester Police Department, under the direction of Chief James Sheppard.

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