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BUFFALO MAN SENTENCED ON FIREARMS CHARGE

BUFFALO, N.Y.--U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Richard Lowe, 23, of Buffalo, N.Y., who was convicted of being an unlawful user of a controlled substance in possession of a firearm, was sentenced to three months in prison, six months home confinement, and three years supervised release by U.S. District Court Judge Richard J. Arcara.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Mary Catherine Baumgarten, who handled the case, stated that the defendant, an admitted user of marijuana, possessed a semiautomatic rifle in the bedroom of his apartment which was located in a building that also housed a small corner store on East Delavan Avenue in Buffalo. In March 2010, during a search of the building, Buffalo Police officers seized cocaine base, marijuana, United States currency, a semiautomatic pistol, the semiautomatic rifle at issue, and ammunition.

Lowe's father and co-defendant, Matthew Lowe, 46, of Buffalo, N.Y., was convicted of possession with intent to distribute, and the distribution of, a controlled substance, and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime and was sentenced in October 2011 to 106 months in prison by Judge Arcara.

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 Buffalo Police Department, under the direction of Commissioner Daniel Derenda.

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