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

BUFFALO, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Joseph Marble, 30, of Buffalo, N.Y., who was convicted of using a communication facility to commit a controlled substance felony, was sentenced to two years probation by U.S. District Judge Richard J. Arcara.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert C. Moscati, who handled the case, stated that Marble was intercepted during the execution of a court-authorized wiretap discussing the distribution of a quantity of marijuana with a co-defendant. Marble was arrested along with 19 others and charged with being involved in a multi-kilogram drug distribution network between Buffalo, New York and Houston, Texas. Marble admitted to supplying one of the lead defendants, Rodney Hill, with marijuana.

To date, 18 of the 20 defendants have been convicted.

The sentencing is the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Safe Streets Task Force, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Christopher M. Piehota, the Drug Enforcement Administration, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Brian R. Crowell, New York Field Division, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, under the direction of Resident Agent in Charge Frank Christiano.

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