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MAN SENTENCED IN LARGE DRUG CONSPIRACY

ROCHESTER, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Domingo Morales Martinez, 37, of Puerto Rico, who was convicted of conspiracy to distribute five (5) kilograms or more of cocaine and money laundering conspiracy on Jan. 4, 2012, was sentenced to 135 months in prison by U.S. District Judge Charles J. Siragusa.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Jennifer Noto, who handled the case, stated that the defendant's conviction stemmed from his participation in a large, violent armed narcotics trafficking organization responsible for the receipt and distribution of hundreds of kilograms of cocaine in the Rochester area between January 2007 and October 2008. Martinez was one of more than 30 related defendants charged with federal crimes involving their participation in this armed drug conspiracy that sent and received packages of cocaine via the U.S. Mail from Puerto Rico to Rochester. Proceeds from the drug sales were sent back to Puerto Rico to purchase more cocaine.

This conviction was the culmination of a multi-agency investigation under the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HITA) and Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) initiatives. Federal and State law enforcement agencies, including Special Agents of the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearm and Explosives, under the direction of Scott Heagney, Special Agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration, under the direction of Timothy Kernan, Postal Inspectors of the United States Postal Inspection Service, under the direction of Raymond Williams and officers from the Greater Rochester Area Narcotics Enforcement Team, under the direction of Lt. Joseph Morabito worked in concert with the United States Attorney's Office in the year long investigation.

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