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FATHER AND SON CHARGED WITH MARIJUANA CULTIVATION AND DISTRIBUTION

BUFFALO, N.Y.—U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Dean M. Maynard, 51 and Brandon L. Maynard, 30 of Mansfield, NY, were arrested and charged by Complaint with manufacturing and distribution of a controlled substance. The charges carry a mandatory minimum sentence of five years in prison, a maximum of 20 years and a \$2,000,000 fine.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Thomas S. Duszkiwicz, who is handling the case, stated that on September 14, 2011, aerial surveillance by a U.S. Border Patrol helicopter spotted a patch of marijuana growing within a large garden plot on Maples Road in the Town of Mansfield in Cattaraugus County. The Southern Tier Regional Drug Task Force and the Drug Enforcement Administration assisted in locating and eradicating 211 growing marijuana plants. According to the Complaint, during the execution of a search warrant, law enforcement officials recovered three rifles, a loaded shotgun, an undetermined amount of processed marijuana, drying marijuana plants located in each of the bedrooms, and scales used for weighing and distribution.

The defendants appeared today before Federal Magistrate Hugh B. Scott and pleaded not guilty to the charges. They were both released on bond and are due back in court October 6, 2011.

The arrest is the culmination of an investigation on the part of Officers of the U.S. Border Patrol, under the direction of Chief Border Patrol Agent Kevin W. Oaks, and the Southern Tier Regional Drug Task Force, with the assistance of the Drug Enforcement Administration, under the direction of Wilbert L. Plummer, Acting Special Agent in Charge, New York Field Division.

The fact that a defendant has been charged with a crime is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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