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CATTARAUGUS COUNTY MAN SENTENCED ON MARIJUANA MANUFACTURING

BUFFALO, N.Y. - U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Dean M. Maynard, 51, of Mansfield, N.Y., who was convicted of manufacturing marijuana, was sentenced to 60 months in prison and four years supervised release by Chief U.S. District Judge William M. Skretny.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Thomas S. Duzkiewicz, who handled 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. 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 defendant's son, Brandon Maynard, is scheduled to be sentenced on August 9, 2012 in connection with the same seizure.

The sentencing 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.

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