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COUPLE PLED GUILTY TO ROLES IN CREATING A METH LAB IN CITY OF BUFFALO

N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that John McMahon, age 50, and Judy McMahon, age 59, both of Buffalo, NY pleaded guilty before United States District Judge Richard J. Arcara for their roles in the manufacturing of methamphetamine in a residential home. John McMahon admitted to the felony offenses of maintaining a premises for the purpose of manufacturing methamphetamine and being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm. Judy McMahon pleaded guilty to conspiracy to possess methamphetamine. John McMahon faces a maximum sentence of 20 years and a fine of \$1 million, or both. Judy McMahon faces a maximum sentence of 1 year imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine, or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Melissa Meetze, who handled the case, stated that the charges stem from a search warrant executed at their residence on Chenango Street in the City of Buffalo, on November 22, 2010, where law enforcement officers found a methamphetamine lab and a shotgun concealed behind a bedroom door. Both defendants had recently moved to Buffalo from Florida.

The arrest was the culmination of an investigation on the part of Buffalo Police Department under the direction of Commissioner Daniel Derenda, with the assistance of Special Agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration of under the direction of Resident Agent in Charge Dale Kasprzyk.

Sentencing is scheduled for December 13, 2011, at 12:30 p.m. EST, in Buffalo, N.Y., before Judge Arcara.