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## **NIAGARA FALLS MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO DRUG CHARGE**

BUFFALO, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Octavius Miller, 32, of Niagara Falls, N.Y., pleaded guilty before U.S. Magistrate Judge Hugh B. Scott to possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine. The charge carries a mandatory minimum penalty of 10 years in prison, a maximum of life, an \$8,000,000 fine, or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert C. Moscati, who is handling the case, stated that during the execution of a search warrant in December 2010, law enforcement officers found Miller to be in possession of approximately 123 grams of crack cocaine in his residence on Cleveland Avenue in Niagara Falls. The defendant admitted that he possessed the crack with the intent to sell it and that he had done so on numerous occasions before and after these drugs were seized.

The plea was the culmination of an investigation on the part of the Niagara Falls Police Department, under the direction of Chief John Chella, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, under the direction of Resident Agent in-Charge Frank Christiano, and the Drug Enforcement Administration, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Brian R. Crowell, New York Field Division.

Sentencing will be before Chief U.S. District Judge William M. Skretny.

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