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## **MASSACHUSETTS MAN INDICTED FOR ROLE IN MARIJUANA CONSPIRACY**

BUFFALO, N.Y.--U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that a federal grand jury has returned an Indictment charging Huy Hoang Nguyen, a/k/a Boston, of Medford, Massachusetts, with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute 100 kilograms or more of marijuana, and conspiracy to import into the United States 100 kilograms or more of marijuana. The charges carry a mandatory minimum penalty of five years in prison, a maximum of 40 years, and a \$5,000,000 fine.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy C. Lynch, who is handling the case, stated that the defendant is accused of receiving approximately 600 pounds of marijuana from a Canadian drug trafficking organization. The marijuana was smuggled into the United States, through ports of entry in the Western District of New York, utilizing hidden compartments in the floors of tractor-trailers. Once the marijuana was in the United States, it was driven to Massachusetts where it was delivered to Nguyen. The defendant is presently in custody in Boston, Massachusetts pending a detention hearing.

The Indictment is the result of an investigation by Special Agents of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge James C. Spero, Officers from the United States Customs and Border Protection, under the direction of Joseph Wilson, Acting Director of Field Operations, the Peel Regional Police Department, under the direction of Chief H.M. Metcalf, the Canada Border Services Agency, under the direction of Rick Comerford, Regional Director General, Southern Ontario Region and the Toronto Police, under the direction of Chief William Blair.

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.