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## **MASSACHUSETTS MAN SENTENCED IN INTERNATIONAL DRUG CONSPIRACY CASE**

BUFFALO, N.Y.--U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Huy Hoang Nguyen, a/k/a Boston, 27, of Medford, Massachusetts, who was convicted of conspiring to distribute 100 kilograms or more of marijuana, was sentenced to five years in prison and five years supervised release by Chief U.S. District Judge William M. Sreknny. Judge Skretny also imposed a \$900,000 forfeiture judgment against the defendant.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy C. Lynch, who handled the case, stated that the defendant received approximately 600 pounds of marijuana from a Canadian drug trafficking organization, which imported marijuana into the United States from Canada and exported cocaine from the United States into Canada. 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 the defendant.

Two other members of the same drug trafficking organization, Michael Bagri and Ravinder Arora, have been convicted for their role in the conspiracy and are awaiting sentencing. Bagri and Arora admitted to trafficking over 1,600 kilograms of cocaine from the United States to Canada.

The operation was conducted by a multi-agency task force through the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF). The principal mission of the OCDETF program is to identify, disrupt and dismantle the most serious drug trafficking, weapons trafficking and money laundering organizations, and those primarily responsible for the nation's illegal drug supply.

Today's sentencing 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 Randy Howe, 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.

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