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WESTCHESTER COUNTY MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO INTENDING TO SELL PRESCRIPTION PILLS

BUFFALO, N.Y.--U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Charles O'Garro, 27, of Yorktown Heights, N.Y., pleaded guilty to unlawfully intending to sell prescription painkillers before District Judge Richard J. Arcara. The charge carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison, a fine of \$1,000,000 or both.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael L. McCabe, who is handling the case, the plea stems from an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration involving prescription pill trafficking between the New York City area and Western New York. On December 19, 2011, O'Garro was arrested after attempting to sell a large quantity of prescription medication in a parking lot located on Niagara Falls Boulevard in Amherst. DEA Special Agents seized over 350 oxycodone, hydrocodone and alprazolam (i.e., Xanax) tablets from O'Garro. At the time, the defendant was employed as a technician in a pharmacy in Mohegan Lake, N.Y.

The Criminal Complaint is the result of an investigation by Special Agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration, under the direction of Brian R. Crowell, Special Agent in Charge, New York Field Division, investigators from the Amherst Police Department, under the direction of Chief John Askey, and the Erie County Sheriff's Department, under the direction of Sheriff Timothy Howard.

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