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## **BUFFALO MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO GUN CHARGE**

BUFFALO, N.Y.--U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Lamont Oaks, 29 of Buffalo, N.Y., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Richard J. Arcara, to possessing a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking. The charge carries a mandatory minimum sentence of five years in prison and a maximum of life, a \$250,000 fine, or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Melissa Marangola, who is handling the case, stated that in June 2011, Buffalo Police Officers responded to the defendant's residence on Northland Avenue for reports of a domestic assault. Inside, officers found a firearm, ammunition and crack cocaine packaged for sale. The defendant admitted that he had the gun because of his drug trafficking activities.

The plea is the culmination of an investigation by Special Agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, under the direction of Frank Christiano, Special Agent in Charge and the Buffalo Police Department.

Sentencing is scheduled for December 10, 2012, at 1:00 p.m., in Buffalo, N.Y., before Judge Arcara.

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