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BUFFALO MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO DRUG CHARGE

BUFFALO, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Darryl Parker, 32, of Buffalo, N.Y., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Richard J. Arcara, to use of a communication facility to commit a drug felony. The charge carries a maximum penalty of four years in prison, a fine of \$250,000 or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Mary Clare Kane, who is handling the case, stated that between January 2008 and July 29, 2008, Parker was intercepted over wiretaps ordering cocaine from a source of supply. The defendant was indicted along with 33 others following an investigation into drug dealing and weapons possession in the Central Park area of the City of Buffalo. He is the 24th defendant to be convicted.

The plea is the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration, under the direction of Brian R. Crowell, Special Agent in Charge, New York Field Division, and the Buffalo Police Department, under the direction of Commissioner Daniel Derenda.

Sentencing is scheduled for January 16, 2012 at 12:30 p.m. before Judge Arcara.

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