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## **NIAGARA COUNTY FATHER, SON SENTENCED FOR MANUFACTURING POT**

BUFFALO, N.Y. - U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that William John Pippard, 51, and Robert Vincent Pippard, 29, both of Hartland, N.Y., who were convicted of marijuana manufacturing conspiracy, were sentenced by U.S. District Judge Richard J. Arcara. William Pippard was sentenced to six months in a half way house and six months home detention. Robert Pippard was sentenced to one year in prison.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Thomas S. Duszkievicz, who handled the case, stated that the defendants manufactured nearly 100 marijuana plants in their residence and adjacent barn in the Town of Hartland. The marijuana grow operation was seized by the New York State Police and Niagara County Drug Task Force after the execution of a search warrant. Follow-up investigation revealed sophisticated lighting and irrigation for the growing plants within the house as well as the barn. Prescription pills, packaged marijuana, hashish, scales and a firearm were also discovered.

The sentencings are the culmination of an investigation by the New York State Police Community Narcotics Enforcement Team (CNET), under the direction of Major Wayne C. Olson and the Niagara County Drug Task Force, under the direction of Sheriff James Votour.

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