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JAMESTOWN AREA MAN SENTENCED IN DRUG TRAFFICKING CASE

ROCHESTER, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Stephen M. Przepiora, 57, of Celeron, New York, who was convicted of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute, and to distribute, 500 grams or more of cocaine and 100 kilograms or more of marijuana, was sentenced to 97 months in prison and a \$1,000 fine by U.S. District Judge Charles J. Siragusa.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Brett A. Harvey, who handled the case, stated that between 1998 and December 17, 2009, the defendant obtained between 5 and 15 kilograms of cocaine and between 700 kilograms and 1,000 kilograms of marijuana from his suppliers, and distributed quantities of cocaine and marijuana to others in the Jamestown, New York area. Przepiora also had shipments of multiple-kilogram quantities of marijuana sent from a supplier in California to properties he owned in Celeron, New York, in return for compensation from his local supplier.

The sentencing is the culmination of an investigation on the part of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under the direction of Special-Agent-In-Charge Christopher M. Piehota.

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