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MAN SENTENCED IN DRUG CASE

BUFFALO, N.Y. - U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Darain Rabatoy, 34, of Ransomville, New York, who was convicted of attempted possession with intent to distribute a mixture and substance containing marijuana, was sentenced on August 26, 2011, to 30 months in prison followed by 3 years supervised release by U.S. District Judge Richard J. Arcara.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Mary Clare Kane, who handled the case, stated that the defendant had been convicted of attempting to possess marijuana. On June 9, 2009, based on information that developed during the investigation from sources at the DEA and intercepted telephone calls, it was learned that Rabatoy had planned to meet another individual in order to purchase marijuana. The meeting occurred in the parking lot of the Wal-Mart on Niagara Falls Boulevard in Amherst, NY, where Rabatoy met with another individual and delivered a bag that was found to contain approximately \$21,000 in U.S. currency, which was intended for the purchase of 30 pounds of marijuana.

The conviction was the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration, under the direction of Resident Agent in Charge Dale M. Kasprzyk.

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