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LANCASTER MAN SENTENCED FOR SELLING PRESCRIPTION PILLS

BUFFALO, N.Y.--U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Mark Riordan, 23, of Lancaster, N.Y., who was convicted of conspiring to distribute OxyContin pills, was sentenced to three years in prison by Chief District Judge William M. Skretny. Riordan was originally arrested on July 15, 2010 following a long-term investigation into the widespread illegal sale of prescription drugs in the City of Buffalo and its eastern suburbs.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael L. McCabe, who handled the case, the defendant distributed over 600 OxyContin pills while working with co-defendant Justin Doyle. The defendant obtained many of these pills from an unlawful dealer on East Eagle Street in Buffalo. Riordan and Doyle then distributed these pills, mainly at a gas station where Doyle worked on William Street in Cheektowaga.

Justin Doyle has also been convicted and will be sentenced on December 20, 2011.

Riordan was arrested along with 34 others in July, 2010 following a long-term investigation into the widespread illegal sale of prescription drugs in the City of Buffalo and its eastern suburbs. To date, 26 of the 35 defendants have been convicted.

The sentencing is the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration, under the direction of Wilbert L. Plummer, Acting Special Agent in Charge, New York Field Division, in conjunction with many local and state authorities such as the New York State Police, the Buffalo Police Department, the Cheektowaga Police Department, the West Seneca Police Department and the Lancaster Police Department..