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SODUS MAN SENTENCED IN CONNECTION WITH
ESCAPE OF A FEDERAL INMATE

ROCHESTER, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Mathias Smith, 35, of Sodus, N.Y., who was convicted of concealing an escaped prisoner, was sentenced to two years probation by U.S. District Court Judge David G. Larimer.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Jennifer M. Noto, who handled the case, stated that the defendant concealed federal inmate Joseph Mitchell following his escape from the Monroe County Jail. Mitchell, along with Eddie R. Palmer, broke out of the jail on March 31, 2011, and were apprehended on April 8, 2011. Mitchell and Palmer were hiding in a camping trailer located on a residential property in Sodus associated with Mathias Smith. Smith admitted that he provided shelter to Mitchell as well as food during the period of his escape.

The sentencing was the culmination of an investigation on the part of Deputies of the United States Marshal's Service, under the direction of Charles Salina, and Investigators of the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, under the direction of Sheriff Patrick O'Flynn.

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