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ROCHESTER MAN SENTENCED ON DRUG CHARGES

ROCHESTER, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Kamias Smith, 29, of Rochester, N.Y., who was convicted of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and distribution of crack cocaine and powder cocaine, was sentenced to 17 years in prison and 10 years of supervised release by U.S. District Court Judge Charles J. Siragua.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert A. Marangola, who handled the case, stated that between January 2005 and March 2010, the defendant conspired with 10 others to possess and distribute at least five kilograms of powder cocaine and 50 grams of crack cocaine in the Rochester area. Smith's involvement in the conspiracy included, among other things, the breakdown and packaging of smaller quantities of powder cocaine and crack cocaine for resale, direct distribution of cocaine and crack cocaine to others, and facilitating third party purchases of cocaine and crack cocaine.

Smith was arrested along with 10 others in March and April 2010. Smith is the sixth defendant to be sentenced.

The sentencing is the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives under the direction of Scott Heagney, Resident Agent in Charge, the Rochester Police under the direction of Chief James Sheppard and the Monroe County District Attorney's Office, under the direction of Sandra Doorley.

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