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WOMEN SENTENCED FOR CONSPIRING TO IMPORT ECSTASY

BUFFALO, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Jennifer Stein, 30, of Leroy, N.Y., who was convicted of conspiring to import ecstasy, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Richard J. Arcara to time served, nine months home detention on electronic monitoring, and three years of supervised release.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert C. Moscati, who handled the case, stated that the defendant was stopped at the Rainbow Bridge on April 2, 2006. During a secondary search, officers discovered close to 2000 ecstasy pills. Stein was attempting to smuggle the pills with the assistance of another individual who had the narcotics strapped to her person with duct tape. The defendant had paid the other person \$400 to smuggle the drugs into the United States.

The case was investigated by Customs and Border Patrol, under the direction of Port Director Joseph Wilson and the Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations, under the direction of James C. Spero, Special Agent in Charge.

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