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## ROCHESTER MAN SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS IN DRUG CASE

ROCHESTER, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Levon Sturgis, 40, of Rochester, NY, who was convicted of conspiracy to distribute 5 kilograms or more of cocaine, 1 kilogram or more of heroin, and 50 grams or more of crack on January 5, 2012, was sentenced to 240 months in prison by U.S. District Judge Charles J. Siragusa.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Jennifer M. Noto, who handled the case, stated that the defendant was involved in a drug conspiracy that was responsible for the distribution of large amounts of cocaine, crack cocaine and heroin in the Rochester area between 2008 and 2010. The defendant and eleven others were arrested in 2010 after a nearly year-long investigation conducted by Federal and State authorities and involving the court-authorized interception of wire communication on cellular telephones utilized by members of the drug conspiracy. All 12 defendants have entered guilty pleas and the defendant is the third defendant to be sentenced.

The plea was the culmination of a multi-agency investigation under the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) initiative. Federal and State law enforcement agencies, including Special Agents of the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearm and Explosives, under the direction of Scott Heagney, Special Agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration, under the direction of Timothy Kernan, Special Agents of the Criminal Investigation Division of the Internal Revenue Service under the direction of Jarod Koopman, and officers from the Greater Rochester Area Narcotics Enforcement Team, under the direction of Lt. Joseph Morabito worked in concert with the United States Attorney's Office in the year long investigation.

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