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## **THREE DEFENDANTS SENTENCED TO PROBATION FOR SELLING PRESCRIPTION PILLS**

BUFFALO, N.Y.--U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Wilma Mack, 65, Gwendolyn Grimes, 60, and Rosalind Barnes, 59, all of Buffalo, were sentenced by Chief District Judge William M. Skretny to probation after they pleaded guilty to conspiring to distribute OxyContin pills.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael L. McCabe, who is handling the case, Mack, Grimes and Barnes sold their prescribed OxyContin pills to Michael McCall -- an alleged street supplier of OxyContin pills in the City of Buffalo.

The three defendants were arrested on July 15, 2010 along with 23 others following a long-term investigation into the widespread illegal sale of prescription drugs in the City of Buffalo and its eastern suburbs. To date, 18 of the 26 defendants have been convicted.

The sentencings are the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration, under the direction of Special Agent-in-Charge Dale Kasprzyk, 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..

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