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TWO WOMEN PLEAD GUILTY TO CONSPIRING TO IMPORT ECSTASY

BUFFALO, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Jennifer Stein, 30, of Rochester, NY and Tonya Colegrove, 35, of Marion, NY, pleaded guilty before U.S. Judge Richard J. Arcara, to conspiracy to import ecstasy. The charge carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison, a fine of \$1,000,000, or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert C. Moscati, who is handling the case, stated that the defendants were stopped at the Rainbow Bridge on April 2, 2006. Upon inspection, Colegrove was found to be smuggling nearly 2000 ecstasy tablets which were strapped to her body with duct tape. Both defendants admitted that Stein paid Colegrove \$400 to smuggle the drugs into the United States.

The pleas are the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of the Customs and Border Patrol, under the direction of James Engleman, Director of Field Operations and Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Lev Kubiak.

Stein's sentencing is scheduled for September 29, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. and Colegrove's sentencing is scheduled for September 30, 2011, at 1:00 p.m., both before Judge Aracara.

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