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FUGITIVE EXTRADITED FROM CANADA SENTENCED IN DRUG IMPORTATION CASE

BUFFALO, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that, Andrew Lee Wayne, 24, of Toronto, Canada, who was convicted of importation of ecstasy and ketamine, was sentenced to 30 months and three years of supervised release by Chief U.S. District Judge William M. Skretny.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Mary Clare Kane, who handled the case, stated that on December 30, 2006, the defendant was referred to the secondary inspection area as he attempted to enter the United States from Canada at the Lewiston Bridge Port of Entry. During the ensuing inspection, a Customs and Border Patrol officer discovered a plastic bag that contained approximately 1,800 tablets of ecstasy and ketamine powder, both of which are controlled substances and illegal to possess for the purpose of distribution. After Wayne was subsequently indicted by a federal grand jury, Wayne failed to return to the United States for prosecution and was declared a fugitive. The United States Attorney's Office obtained a warrant of Extradition from Canada for the defendant, and the defendant was returned to the United States for further prosecution on May 25, 2011.

The sentencing is the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations, under the direction of James C. Spero.

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