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LEROY MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO
POSSESSION OF CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE

BUFFALO, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Christopher Williams, 33, of Leroy, N.Y., pleaded guilty to unlawful possession of methamphetamine, before U.S. Magistrate Judge H. Kenneth Schroeder, Jr. The charge carries a maximum penalty of one year in prison, a fine of \$100,000.00 or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Mary Clare Kane, who is handling the case, stated that in March of 2010, the Genesee County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant at the defendant's home. Officers discovered a baggie and mason jar, both of which contained a clear liquid that was found to contain methamphetamine. Outside the residence, officers seized discarded lithium batteries, old cold medicine boxes and "Icy Hot" packs which had been ripped open. These items are common materials used in the production and clandestine manufacture of methamphetamine. In addition, officers seized a "Mountain Dew" bottle with a hole in the cap with plastic tubing coming out of the hole likely used as a gas generator and is used in an essential step in the methamphetamine manufacture process. Williams admitted to possessing the methamphetamine for personal use.

The plea is the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration, under the direction of Wilbert L. Plummer, Acting Special Agent in Charge, New York Field Division and the Genesee County Sheriff's Department, under the direction of Sheriff Gary Maha.

Sentencing is scheduled for July 11, 2012 , at 11:00 a.m. EST, in Buffalo, N.Y., before Judge Schroeder.

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