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## **JAMAICAN NATIONAL FOUND GUILTY OF ASSAULTING TWO GUARDS AT THE FEDERAL DETENTION FACILITY IN BATAVIA**

ROCHESTER, N.Y.--U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that a federal jury in Rochester has found Andrew Wright, 41, a Jamaican national, guilty of two counts of assaulting a federal officer. Each count carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Everardo Rodriguez, who handled the prosecution and trial, stated that in May, 2010, the defendant was detained at the Buffalo Federal Detention Facility in Batavia, New York, pending trial on federal murder charges. While detained, Wright assaulted two guards at the facility. As a result of the assault and the ensuing struggle, one of the guards sustained injuries to his eye and shoulder. The other sustained injuries to his ear, shoulder and knee.

Charges still pending against Wright consist of federal murder and narcotics conspiracy offenses related to a triple homicide in Greece, New York in March 2010. The trial of that case is expected sometime next year. The fact that a defendant has been charged with a crime is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

The verdict is the result of an investigation by Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Enforcement and Removal Operations, under the direction of Field Office Director, Michael T. Phillips.

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