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STERLING MAN SENTENCED ON DRUG CHARGES

ROCHESTER, N.Y.--U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Allan J. Snyder, 36, of Sterling, N.Y., was sentenced to 17 years in prison by U.S. District Judge Charles J. Siragusa. Snyder was convicted of conspiring to manufacture marijuana and possession with intent to distribute and to distribute marijuana following a jury trial on June 11, 2012, along with his brother Michael Welch, 37, and his father Allen J. Snyder, 63.

As part of his sentence, Snyder was also ordered to forfeit to the United States Government, \$4,413 in cash found by police in his bedroom where he also stored marijuana, \$69,946.14, which represents the sales proceeds of his house where he stored and sold marijuana, and 31 shotguns and rifles involved in the offense.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Everardo Rodriguez, who prosecuted the case along with Assistant U.S. Attorney Jennifer Noto, stated that Allan J. Snyder, together with his father and brother, were part of a group that grew and distributed marijuana in Wayne and Cayuga Counties. The group started to grow the plants inside and, in the warmer months, moved them outside to grow. Eventually, the plants were harvested, packaged and sold. During the course of the investigation, two large marijuana grow locations were discovered in Wayne County. Allan J. Snyder was the leader of the group.

Snyder's brother, Michael Welch, was sentenced to 12 years in prison October 22, 2012. Snyder's father, Allen J. Snyder, was sentenced on September 24, 2012 to one year in prison.

The sentencing is the culmination of an investigation by the Wayne County Narcotics Enforcement Team under the direction of John Colella, Chief of the Town of Macedon Police Department and Robert Hetzke, Chief Deputy of the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, the Wayne County Sheriff's Office, under the direction of Sheriff Barry Virts, the New York

State Police, under the direction of Mark A. Koss, the Drug Enforcement Administration, under the direction of Brian R. Crowell, Special Agent in Charge, New York Region, and the New York Department of Environmental Conservation.

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