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YONKERS MAN PLEADS GUILTY IN MANHATTAN FEDERAL COURT TO ROLE IN TRAFFICKING OVER 1,000 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA IN THE METRO AREA

PREET BHARARA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and JOHN P. GILBRIDE, the Special Agent-in-Charge of the New York Field Division of the Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA"), announced that ROBERT LIM pleaded guilty today in Manhattan federal court to conspiring to distribute and possess with intent to distribute more than 1,000 kilograms of marijuana.

According to the Indictment and statements made during court proceedings:

Between September 2005 and November 2007, ROBERT LIM was one of the leaders of a large-scale marijuana trafficking organization based in Yonkers, New York. The conspiracy utilized numerous locations in Yonkers to conduct its trafficking business, including a house on Elissa Lane, apartments on Midland Avenue, and an office space on Tarrytown Road. In particular, the house on Elissa Lane was used to store and distribute marijuana. As part of the conspiracy, the defendant paid others to deliver marijuana, and collect drug proceeds, throughout the New York City area. Members of Lim's organization also transported marijuana and drug proceeds between the New York City area and California. LIM was arrested on or about December 3, 2007.

LIM agreed at today's proceeding to forfeiture in the amount of \$2 million.

LIM, 31, is scheduled to be sentenced by United States District Judge COLLEEN MCMAHON on November 5, 2010. He faces a maximum sentence of life imprisonment and a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years' imprisonment.

Mr. BHARARA praised the investigative work of the Drug Enforcement Administration.

The prosecution is being handled by the Office's White Plains Division. Assistant United States Attorneys SARAH R. KRISSOFF and RICHARD TARLOWE are in charge of the prosecution.

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