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BUFFALO MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO RICO CHARGE **INVOLVING GANG SHOOTING**

BUFFALO, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Deon Allen, also known as "Slick," 21, of Buffalo, N.Y., pleaded guilty before Chief U.S. District Judge William M. Skretny to committing a violent crime in aid of a racketeering enterprise. The charge carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. He will also be ordered to pay restitution to Medicaid and to the victims' insurance carriers for the cost of their medical care.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Anthony M. Bruce and Assistant Erie County District Attorney Paul Parisi, who is working as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, Allen was a member of the Bailey Boys, a criminal gang involved in distributing cocaine and acts involving murder and robbery. The defendant admitted that, in an effort to raise his standing with other members of the Bailey Boys, he and others committed a drive-by shooting on July 29, 2011 at 211 Shirley Avenue in Buffalo which left three individuals wounded. Two of the victims suffered superficial wounds but a third, identified as "JM," was shot in the shoulder and spent more than two months in the Erie County Medical Center recovering from his injuries.

"Our Office is committed to battling violence associated with narcotics trafficking and gang activity," said U.S. Attorney Hochul. "Today's conviction is an important step in removing individuals who commit such acts from the streets of our community."

The plea is the result of an ongoing investigation into the activities of the Bailey Boys and other criminal gangs being conducted by the United States Attorney's office in close cooperation with the Erie County District Attorney's Office, under the direction of District Attorney Frank A. Sedita, III, the Homicide Bureau of the Buffalo Police Department, under the command of Captain Michael McCarthy and Police Commissioner

Daniel Derenda, the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Safe Streets Task Force, under the Direction of Special Agent in Charge Christopher M. Piehota and the Erie County Sheriff's Office, under the direction of Sheriff Timothy B. Howard.

Sentencing is scheduled for November 13, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. before Judge Skretny

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