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Gorham Man Pleads Guilty to Federal Drug Charges

Bangor, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced that **John Pascucci**, a/k/a “Scoochy,” 51, of Gorham, pleaded guilty on January 12, 2009, in U.S. District Court in Bangor, Maine, to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute marijuana. Pascucci faces a possible sentence of up to life imprisonment, and a fine of up to \$8 million, or both.

In September 2006, Pascucci was charged with conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute marijuana. According to court records, from 2003 to sometime in 2006, Pascucci conspired with Michael Pelletier and others to possess with intent to distribute marijuana, and to distribute marijuana. The marijuana was smuggled across the St. John River into the U.S. from Canada by individuals working for Pelletier. Bulk quantities of marijuana would then be transported to Pelletier’s customers.

As one of Pelletier’s customers, Pascucci took delivery of marijuana from a person working for Pelletier. Pascucci would then meet Pelletier and pay him the proceeds for the previous marijuana delivery.

United States Attorney Silsby praised the investigation conducted by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency. United States Attorney Silsby also recognized the contributions of the Maine State Police, the Aroostook County Sheriff’s Office, and the Madawaska Maine Police Department to the investigation.

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