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PRESS RELEASE

**FORMER SHREWSBURY MAN GETS 12 YEARS FOR RUNNING ECSTASY RING**

Worcester, MA... A Salem man was sentenced yesterday in federal court for conspiring to distribute ecstasy and distributing over 5000 ecstasy pills during the course of a four-month investigation.

United States Attorney Michael J. Sullivan, June W. Stansbury, Special Agent in Charge of the United States Drug Enforcement Administration in New England, Glenn N. Anderson, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and Mark Dragonetti Resident Agent in Charge of the Food and Drug Administration Office of Criminal Investigations, announced that **EDDY A. AOUDE**, age 26, of 47 Gallows Hill Road Salem, and formerly of 152 Boston Turnpike Road, Shrewsbury, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge F. Dennis Saylor, IV, to 12 years' imprisonment, to be followed by 4 years of supervised release, and a \$5,000 fine. **AOUDE** was convicted by a trial jury of Conspiracy to distribute Ecstasy and Distribution of Ecstasy on July 27, 2005.

Evidence presented during trial proved that **AOUDE** was a member of a conspiracy that sold over 5,000 Ecstasy pills to an undercover DEA agent . The last sale was to occur on May 8, 2003 at the parking lot of the Piccadilly Pub on Shrewsbury Street and involved over 4,500 ecstasy pills. Instead, agents arrested **AOUDE** and four accomplices, two of whom were armed with loaded handguns.

At the Sentencing Hearing yesterday afternoon, Judge Saylor determined that **AOUDE** was the source of the ecstasy distributed by the conspiracy other four members and its leader and organizer. The Court also found that **AOUDE** attempted to obstruct justice.

The case was investigated by the DEA Tactical Diversion Squad, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the U.S. Drug and Food Administration's Office of Criminal Investigations. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David Hennessy of Sullivan's Worcester Branch Office.

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