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NEW YORK WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO COCAINE CONSPIRACY AFTER 11 KILOS DISCOVERED AT NORTHLAND APARTMENT

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a New York woman pleaded guilty in federal court today to her role in a conspiracy to distribute cocaine.

Jenny Maria Moreno, 19, of New York, N.Y., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this morning to an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on November 7, 2002.

By pleading guilty, Graves said, **Moreno** admitted that she was paid \$300 to ride along in a delivery of cocaine from Kansas City to New York.

Drug Enforcement Administration agents were conducting surveillance on **Moreno** on October 28, 2002, Graves said, when she arrived at a Kansas City hotel. Surveillance led agents to Sycamore Hills Apartments at 504 N. W. 55th Terrace in Kansas City, Mo., and to Kelly Crossings apartment complex at 7831 N.W. Roanridge Road in Kansas City, Mo., where **Moreno** was engaged in activity in and around one of the garages. Exiting the garage, Graves said, **Moreno** was stopped by the agents. On the floor of the garage was a brown cardboard box containing 11 one-kilogram bundles of cocaine.

As a result of today's plea agreement, **Moreno** could be subject to a sentence of not less than 10 years in federal prison, up to life imprisonment without parole, plus a fine up to \$4 million.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Candace R. Cole. It was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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