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## **Bronx-to-Suffolk Heroin Ring Busted** **A pair of Deer Park brothers indicted as** **Major Traffickers**

Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota joined by the Special Narcotics Prosecutor for the City of New York, Bridget G. Brennan, and the DEA Special Agent in Charge James J. Hunt, announced the dismantling of a heroin distribution network led by two Deer Park brothers, Winston and Uriel Rose, who over a six week period purchased from their Bronx supplier 20,200 bags of heroin to sell to heroin users and heroin dealers in western Suffolk County.

District Attorney Spota said the indictment charges both Winston and Uriel with the class A-1 felony charge of Operating as a Major Trafficker punishable by a maximum sentence of life in prison, and the charge of Conspiracy in the second degree, a class B felony punishable by maximum of 12 and one-half to 25 years in prison. Both men pleaded not guilty to all charges.

The DEA's Long Island District Office Task Force conducted the investigation and is comprised of agents and officers from the DEA, the Suffolk District Attorney's Office and the investigators from the Special Narcotics Prosecutor's Office for the City of New York. DEA Special Agent in Charge James J. Hunt stated, "In the big picture, these arrests give the public a good idea how heroin trafficking organizations are being tracked down by law enforcement - from the drug kingpins secretly selling poison throughout their own communities, to their heroin source who is responsible for supplying these monsters with thousands of ready-to-use heroin filled envelopes on a weekly basis. One by one, heroin trafficking organizations are being identified, investigated and dismantled by law enforcement at all levels as we continue our fight against opioid addiction."

Bridget G. Brennan, the Special Narcotics Prosecutor for the City of New York, said, "This case is an excellent example of the strategy that is required to make a dent in the heroin epidemic that is sweeping across our region. By working together with Suffolk District Attorney Spota's office and our partners in law enforcement we were able to dismantle the local distribution network on Long Island and identify and arrest those responsible for the supply."

Over the course of the multi-agency investigation it became evident the best customer of a Bronx Heroin Mill operated by Robert Maldonado, 28, was Winston Rose at 65 Crown Street in Deer Park. Investigators observed Maldonado traveling to Long Island weekly to deliver between 10 and 25 sleeves per trip to Rose. 100 glassine envelopes containing a single dose of heroin are packed in each sleeve.

Robert Maldonado made at least eight trips to Rose's Deer Park home this past April and May.

Investigators established Rose paid \$350.00 for a sleeve, or \$3.50 per heroin dose and documented that Maldonado delivered to Rose approximately 162 sleeves of heroin (or 16,200 single doses) over the course of six weeks. Rose and his codefendants sold, on average, 326 bags of heroin per day in western Suffolk County, each bag for a street price of \$10, resulting in a daily gross of \$3,260 dollars.

District Attorney Spota said "it is important to remember the fact that while Winston Rose buys and sells heroin every day, he's not a candidate for drug rehab for this drug dealer doesn't use heroin. His addiction is to making fat profits."

The DA said the math of selling heroin to users is quite basic.

"Winston Rose buys his heroin on delivery from his Bronx drug connection for \$3.50 per dose. He and his cohorts then sell the heroin they paid \$3.50 for to the hopelessly addicted user in our county for \$10 dollars."

The profit potential in selling heroin, District Attorney Spota said, attracts the criminal element willing to risk a lifetime in prison, as Winston and Uriel Rose now do after their indictment as Major Drug Traffickers.

The ripple effects of the heroin scourge on Suffolk County were summed up succinctly at the news conference by the Suffolk County Police Department's Chief of Detectives. William Madigan told reporters Wednesday that "Heroin is driving crime in this county".

Special Narcotics Prosecutor for the City of New York Bridget G. Brennan described the wiretaps on the suspects' phones were "extremely active". During the six and a half week phone surveillance, law enforcement reported a minimum of 500 intercepted calls per day, and on one day according to Prosecutor Brennan, there were 1,200 intercepted phone calls from both dealers and addicts looking for heroin.

Heroin buyers often came by the Rose residence on Crown Street and at Uriel Rose's purported party supply business at 259 Bayshore Road in Deer Park. The investigation found that defendant Dillon Nosedo, 26, of East Northport, a drug runner for Winston Rose, often sold heroin in the Northport Village area.

DA Spota said search warrants were executed in Suffolk County at 65 Crown Street and 259 Bayshore Road, both in Deer Park. At the latter site, a loaded .22 caliber revolver, \$70,000 in cash and two 2 ounces of powder cocaine were seized. At another location, 92 Horton Street in Central Islip, considered by law enforcement to be a "clean address" that Winston Rose used in his dealings with the NY State Division of Parole, no drugs, weapons or cash were recovered.

"Partnerships in law enforcement ensured the successful outcome of this investigation," District Attorney Spota said. "The key components of this conspiracy to sell heroin were methodically identified and our collaboration of resources shut it down."

**Current information as to defendant bail/bond, defense counsel and next court date**

Winston Rose: \$3,000,000 cash or \$6,000,000 secured bond with a bail source hearing. His attorney is Phil Murphy. Next date 7/28/15

Uriel Rose: \$2,000,000 cash or \$4,000,000 secured bond with a bail source hearing. His attorney is Chris Brocato. Next date 7/27/15

Kenny Gonzalez: \$75,000 cash or \$150,000 secured bond with a bail source hearing.

His attorney is George Duncan. Next date 7/27/15

James Lantero: \$250,000 cash or \$500,000 secured bond with a bail source hearing.

His attorney is Chris Gioe. Next date 7/27/15.

Dillon Nosedo: \$100,000 cash or \$200,000 secured bond with a bail source hearing.

His attorney is Ian Fitzgerald. Next date 7/28/15.

Daniel Demaio: \$100,000 cash or \$200,000 secured bond with a bail source hearing.

His attorney is Ed Palermo. Next date 7/28/15.

Charles Hennings: \$75,000 cash or \$150,000 secured bond with a bail source

hearing. His attorney is Glenn Obedin. Next date 7/27/15.

Robert Lopez: \$250,000 cash or \$500,000 secured bond with a bail source hearing.

His attorney is Al Norato. Next date 7/27/15.

**These defense attorneys today requested and were granted by the court the adjournment of their client's arraignments:**

**Desiree Dietz: Attorney Harry Tilis adjourned for 6/19/15**

**Emily Ruiz: Attorney Scott Gross adjourned for 6/18/15**

**Edward Molewski: Attorney Mike Walsh adjourned for 6/18**

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