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## **Nine drug traffickers arrested for selling crack-cocaine and oxycodone in the Coney Island Houses**

BRIDGET G. BRENNAN, New York City's Special Narcotics Prosecutor, of nine drug traffickers who sold crack-cocaine, oxycodone and small quantities of marijuana and morphine in the Coney Island Houses, a New York City Housing Authority complex in Brooklyn.

The NYPD's Brooklyn South Narcotics Major Case Unit made 48 undercover purchases of drugs from the defendants during the 10-month investigation. Police launched the investigation in response to a rash of fatal shootings in western Coney Island.

Police began making arrests early this morning and wrapped up the operation this afternoon. Two loosely connected crews of drug traffickers operated in close proximity to one another. One crew included several individuals who are related to one another.

Many of the sales in the case took place directly in front of apartment buildings and near playgrounds at the Coney Island Houses. Apartments in the complex often have doors that lead directly outside, and the drug traffickers used exterior walkways near these doors to conduct their illicit business. They also kept close watch over people coming and going from the area.

The main defendant in the case, LORENZO ROGUCKI, was involved in 22 sales, including the largest transaction, in which he and his cousin DAYQUAN TALLEY and a third defendant NELSON ORTIZ sold more than 60 oxycodone pills. The group charged approximately \$10 for each 10 mg tablet of oxycodone. ROGUCKI and his fellow crew members operated in the vicinity of 2950 West 35th Street. While they made four oxycodone sales during the investigation, the group primarily trafficked in crack.

The second crew operated several blocks away in the vicinity of 3002 Surf Avenue, where one member of the crew, ANNA TORRES, a registered nurse, resided. TORRES is charged in connection with three crack sales. Police observed her wearing her nursing uniform during one sale.

Police executed search warrants at two apartments in the Coney Island Houses this morning. In ROGUCKI's apartment at 2950 West 35th St., Apt. 103, police found a quantity of marijuana. A search of 3025 West 32nd St., Apt. 4C, where a defendant from the second crew, ALICIA SERRANO, lives yielded a quantity of morphine.

The defendants are charged in two separate indictments. Arraignments are scheduled to take place before Manhattan Supreme Court Justice Robert Stolz.

INDICTED DEFENDANTS	CHARGES
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Indictment 1	
Nelson Ortiz, aka Brother 11/11/91 2850 West 35 Street Apt. 3F Brooklyn, NY	CSCS 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 1 ct CSCS 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 2 cts
Damion Pratt, aka Blue 3/1/1993 2850 West 36th Street Apt. 109 Brooklyn, NY	CSCS 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 1 ct
Iris Rivera 3/31/90 2850 West 35th Street, Apt.3F Brooklyn, NY	CSCS 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 2 cts
Lorenzo Rogucki, aka Zum 1/24/1991 2950 West 35th Street Apt.103 Brooklyn, NY	CSCS 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 2 cts CSCS 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 20 cts CSCS 5 <sup>th</sup> – 1 ct Criminal Sale of Marijuana 4 <sup>th</sup> – 1 ct
Dayquan Talley, aka Cous 1/27/95 2950 West 35th Street Apt.109 Brooklyn NY 11224	CSCS 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 1 ct CSCS 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 cts
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Indictment 2	
Rosa Escobar 12/16/1959 2354 Batchelder St., Apt. 3C Brooklyn, NY	CSCS 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 4 cts
Alicia Serrano, aka Red 3/1/1969 3025 West 32nd Street, Apt. 4C Brooklyn, NY	CSCS 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 cts CSCS 5 <sup>th</sup> – 2 cts
Lawanda Solamon 3028 West 29th St., Apt. 1B Brooklyn, NY	CSCS 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 2 cts
Anna Torres 11/21/82 3002 Surf Avenue, Apt. 14G Brooklyn, NY	CSCS 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 6 cts

The charges and allegations are merely accusations and the defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.