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## Major Narcotics Seizure: New York State Police Recover \$10 Million of Heroin in The Bronx

BRIDGET G. BRENNAN, New York City's Special Narcotics Prosecutor, and New York State Police Superintendent JOSEPH A. D'AMICO announced today that a grand jury has voted the indictment of FRANCISCO RAMIREZ and ANDY V. MOSCAT for their roles in one of the largest heroin trafficking operations in the metropolitan area. The two defendants were arrested on Saturday, Feb. 19, when investigators with the New York State Police seized approximately 18 1/2 kilograms of heroin (40 lbs) with a street value of more than \$10 million from a heroin mill in the Gun Hill section of The Bronx. Investigators also recovered a loaded handgun.

The arrests were the result of a long-term investigation by the State Police Special Investigations Unit that was focused on narcotics activity in the metropolitan area. At approximately 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, investigators observed RAMIREZ discharge MOSCAT, a passenger, from an Odyssey in front of 2526 Bronx Park East. MOSCAT entered the building and returned a short time later with a large black duffle bag, which he put into a second vehicle parked on the street. When approached by investigators he fled on foot. MOSCAT was arrested a block away without incident. Investigators later recovered approximately 18 kilos of heroin from inside the duffle bag that had been carried by MOSCAT.

Meanwhile, RAMIREZ, who had remained in the vicinity, attempted to flee in his vehicle and struck a State Police undercover car in the process. After that incident, he immediately surrendered.

The subsequent investigation revealed that apartment 3D at 2526 Bronx Park East was used as a heroin mill, where the drug was processed and packaged in preparation for sale. Resulting searches of that apartment and the two defendants' residences at 1264 Manor Ave, Bronx and 1083 Mile Square Rd, Yonkers produced the following:

1. One 9 mm Beretta handgun with a loaded magazine
2. Approximately \$38,000 in cash and large amount of jewelry
3. Manufacturing equipment for heroin including steel presses, jacks, forms, chemicals, and respirators

RAMIREZ and MOSCAT were arraigned on charges contained in a criminal complaint in Manhattan

Criminal Court on Sunday, Feb. 20. MOSCAT was remanded on charges of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the first and third degrees. RAMIREZ was held on \$500,000 bail and charged with one count of Criminal Facilitation in the second degree. Both defendants were informed today that a grand jury voted charges against them and are scheduled to be arraigned on the indictment next month.

State Police Superintendent JOSEPH A. D'AMICO and Special Narcotics Prosecutor BRIDGET G. BRENNAN praised the New York State Police Special Investigation Unit for their efforts in taking out one of the largest heroin operations in the metropolitan area. The New York State Police Special Investigation Unit is commanded by Major Matthew S. Renneman and the Special Investigation Unit out of White Plains is lead by Lieutenant George K. Nohai. The investigation was supervised by Senior Investigator Roger A. Williams and Senior Investigator Stephen A. Hegarty which was conducted by Investigator Peter R. McLain, Investigator Juan J. Figueroa, Investigator Terrence V. Worthy, Investigator Robert Holman, Investigator Raymond Santiago, Investigator Monte Martin, Investigator Louis A. Munoz, and Investigator Elias Chacon.

## DEFENDANTS

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FRANCISCO RAMERIEZ

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1264 Manor Ave Bronx, New York

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ANDY V. MOSCAT

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1083 Mile Square Rd, Yonkers, New  
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The charges and allegations are merely accusations and the defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.