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Manhattan Drug Delivery Service Brought to a Halt: Business Cards Circulated In Newspaper

New York City Special Narcotics Prosecutor BRIDGET G. BRENNAN and New York City Police Commissioner RAYMOND W. KELLY announced today arrest and indictment of two men who operated a drug delivery service that supplied cocaine and marijuana to over 200 customers throughout Manhattan.

THOMAS ZENON and MIGUEL A. GUZMAN were apprehended last night following a three-month investigation by the NYPD's Manhattan South Narcotics Division and the Office of the Special Narcotics Prosecutor. The pair brazenly advertised their 24-hour drug delivery services with two business cards, which were widely distributed in the East Village, the Lower East Side and Tribeca. One card bore the "Coca Cola" logo and a phone number, while the other card depicted a livery car and words "Purple Rain...Up in Smoke" with a second phone number.

The delivery service came under investigation after a man who is known to law enforcement found the two business cards paper-clipped inside a copy of The Village Voice newspaper. The man recognized the cards as likely belonging to a drug delivery service and reported his find to authorities. He told police he had pulled a copy of the free paper from among a stack inside a Village Voice distribution box, which was located outside a New York University dormitory at 10th Street and 3rd Avenue.

During the investigation, police learned that the cards had also been stuck inside the doors of apartments in a high-rise building in Tribeca, among other locations. The delivery service is believed to have catered to over 200 customers, including students and the bar/lounge crowd in the East Village and the Lower East Side. ZENON and GUZMAN, both from Washington Heights, divvied up their delivery duties depending on the day of the week. On the busiest nights, each of the two cell phones listed on the cards registered approximately 170 in-coming and out-going calls.

Between Oct. 19 and Jan. 20, undercover officers bought cocaine and marijuana from the pair on 12 occasions. Sales were typically made inside the delivery cars. The high-quality cocaine carried an unusually low price for a delivery service at approximately \$60 per gram. In total, the pair sold of approximately 75 grams (2.7 ounces) of cocaine and quantities of marijuana to the undercover officers in exchange for \$4,520. In each of the two largest undercover buys on Nov. 23, 2010 and Dec. 22, 2010, the officers bought more than ½ ounce of cocaine and paid \$1,100 per purchase.

Police arrested GUZMAN as he prepared to make a delivery to a customer on the Upper West Side last night. He was carrying 16 grams of cocaine, more than \$1,600 in cash and four cell phones. Officers also found Coca Cola business cards inside his vehicle, which was impounded.

ZENON was apprehended inside a restaurant in Washington Heights. Police found 20 bags of marijuana inside a coffee thermos in his vehicle, as well as Purple Rain business cards, a Dasani water bottle with a removable bottom, a GPS device and two cell phones. ZENON was carrying over \$600 in cash.

Both defendants have been indicted by a grand jury and face multiple counts of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the 2nd and 3rd degrees. ZENON is also charged with Criminal Sale of Marijuana in the 4th degree. Both are expected to be arraigned in Manhattan Supreme Court later today.

INDICTED DEFENDANTS	CHARGES
Miguel A. Guzman – “G” 11/10/1967 655 West 177 th St., apt. 5A	CSCS 2 nd – 1 ct CSCS 3 rd – 3 cts
Thomas Zenon – “Biggie” 4/13/1970 601 West 182 nd St.	CSCS 2 nd – 2 cts CSCS 3 rd – 6 cts Criminal Sale of Marijuana 4 th – 2 cts

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