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**HEROIN MILL ON EAST 75TH STREET IS SHUT DOWN**

New York Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agent-In-Charge John P. Gilbride, New York City Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly, New York State Police Acting Superintendent Preston L. Felton and New York City Special Narcotics Prosecutor Bridget G. Brennan, announce the dismantling of a thriving heroin processing and packaging mill located on Manhattan's Upper East Side. During the past three days, investigators arrested seven individuals, including a kilo level heroin supplier who packaged heroin and his associate, four retail narcotic dealers, and a Manhattan Court Officer who appeared to be a heroin purchaser.

Defendant Juan Pablo Ramos called apartment 2b of 242 East 75th Street in the Upper East Side of Manhattan "the office", and he and associates ground down kilograms of heroin, packaging it into glassine envelopes in a studio which overlooks the playground of the Robert F. Wagner Middle School. It is estimated that the organization was distributing more than four kilograms of heroin per month, grossing approximately \$4 million per year. The heroin was sold wholesale to street level dealers in the Upper East Side, West Village, Gramercy Park and East Harlem, already packaged in ten-dollar bags.

The investigation began with an arrest for a street-level sale by Manhattan South Narcotics detectives, and was coordinated with the Special Narcotics Prosecutors Office and Drug Enforcement Task Force on identifying the source of supply.

Arrested on Wednesday were Juan Pablo Ramos and Armando Leal, both Colombian nationals. Ramos, the main target of the seven-month long investigation, was apprehended when a New York Drug Enforcement Task Force team composed of DEA agents, State Police, NYPD narcotics detectives, along with members of NYPD's Manhattan South Narcotics and investigators from the Special Narcotics Prosecutor's office, conducted search operations at the Manhattan apartment and Ramos's \$5,600 a month rental apartment in New Jersey.

Ramos was taking heroin from an open safe and setting up to package it into glassine bags when police gained entry to the 75th Street location. Approximately 1½ kilos of heroin, valued at over \$100,000 were recovered from the safe along with glassine bags and other drug paraphernalia.

A search operation was also conducted at Ramos' residence at 100 Daibes Court #2106 in Edgewater, New Jersey where bank records and computers were recovered. In addition, a 2008 Acura, a 2005 Audi and a 2001 BMW were seized.

Late last night, investigators and detectives arrested Irene Andriani, Olga Gioe, Luis Gautier, and Michael Joseph Rivello, all believed to be heroin retailers who purchased bundles of hundreds of glassines of heroin from the organization for resale to individual purchasers. Also arrested was Manhattan Court Officer William Moser who was apprehended along with Andriani at a supermarket at 130 Bleeker Street. He is believed to be a customer of defendant Andriani. Moser had three glassines of heroin in his possession worth \$30 and had his court-issued firearm at the time of his arrest.

Juan Pablo Ramos was arraigned on the arrest yesterday and charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 1st Degree. Bail was set for Ramos at \$300,000. Those arrested last night will be arraigned today. Moser was charged with misdemeanor possession. His case is being handled by the New York County District Attorney's Office.

#### DEFENDANTS

Juan Pablo Ramos, (12/10/74)  
100 Diabes Ct. Apt 2106  
Edgewater, NJ

Armando Leal, (05/02/55)  
34-31 81st St. Apt. 33B  
Jackson Heights, NY

Irene Andriani, (02/23/45)  
83-85 MacDougal St, Apt. 7  
New York, NY

Olga Gioe

1582 York Avenue, Apt. 4B,  
New York, NY

Michael Joseph Rivello, (12/18/1954)  
2247 1st Ave., Apt 3  
New York, NY

Luis Gautier, (03/06/55)  
83-85 McDougal Street, Apt 7  
New York, NY

William MOSER, (02/14/57)  
14 Van Buren Street  
Staten Island, NY 10301