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**20 MEMBERS OF HEROIN DISTRIBUTION RING ARRESTED IN
PATERSON, NEW JERSEY**

BRIDGET G. BRENNAN, Special Narcotics Prosecutor for the City of New York, joins Passaic County Prosecutor CAMELIA M. VALDES, Chief JAMES WITTIG of the Paterson Police Department, Chief GARY GIARDINA of the Clifton Police Department and Acting Chief JOHN REARDON of the Wayne Police Department in announcing the arrest of 20 individuals for their involvement in a conspiracy to distribute heroin in the area of Keen Street in Paterson, New Jersey.

Following a six-month investigation, ring leaders RONALD CARRASQUILLO, 41, of Clifton, New Jersey, and RONALD FONTANEZ, 31, of Paterson, New Jersey, were arrested along with 13 other defendants on October 2, 2010. An additional five arrests took place on Tuesday, October 5, 2010 and Wednesday, October 6, 2010. Beginning in or about May 2010 and continuing to on or about October 2010, the joint-investigation led by the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office and the Paterson Police Department, with the assistance of investigators from the Office of the Special Narcotics Prosecutor, revealed that RONALD CARRASQUILLO and RAFAEL PEREZ and a number of other individuals were suppliers of large quantities of heroin and cocaine. The drug ring used "runners" to distribute narcotics in the area of Keen Street in Paterson, New Jersey. To

date, the investigation has revealed that approximately 8 individuals worked with or for the defendants in distributing heroin.

RONALD CARRASQUILLO was arrested and charged with 8 counts including Leader of a Narcotics Trafficking Network, Conspiracy to Distribute (heroin and cocaine), Distribution of Controlled Dangerous Substance, Distribution within 1000 feet of a school, Possession of Heroin, Possession of Heroin with Intent to Distribute and Possession of Heroin with Intent to Distribute within 1000 feet of a school. RONALD FONTANEZ was arrested and charged with 9 counts including Leader of a Narcotics Trafficking Network, Conspiracy to Distribute (heroin), Distribution of Controlled Dangerous Substance, Distribution within 1000 feet of a school, Possession of Heroin, Possession of Heroin with Intent to Distribute and Possession of Heroin with Intent to Distribute within 1000 feet of a school. The charge of Leader of a Narcotics Trafficking Network carries a maximum penalty of life imprisonment during which the person must serve 25 years before being eligible for parole.

Prosecutor VALDES also announced that RONALD CARRASQUILLO, and RAFAEL PEREZ, 53, of Paterson, New Jersey, were also charged federally by the United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York. These two defendants are presently being detained by the federal authorities.

The Passaic County Prosecutor's Office and Paterson Police Department acknowledge and credit the New York City Special Narcotics Prosecutor with their assistance in this investigation as well as the Drug Enforcement Agency and the United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York.

As a result of search warrants executed on October 2, 2010 of various residences and automobiles located in the Cities of Paterson and Clifton, law enforcement officials recovered two handguns, one that was loaded with hollow point bullets, a quantity of heroin in the area of 126 and 128 Keen Street, a quantity of heroin at 102 Beech Street along with narcotics paraphernalia and approximately \$8,000.

Also, the following individuals were charged with and arrested for either conspiracy, distribution or purchasing controlled dangerous substances:

Fanny Singer, of Paterson, age 50
Timmy Bradshaw, of New Brunswick, age 46
Jose Serrano, of Paterson, age 49
Kejuan Brisbon, of Paterson, age 30
Arthur Valdez, of Wayne, age 50
Efrain Torres, of Paterson, age 37
Jamar Crawford, of Paterson, age 26
Leonard Longo, of Paterson, age 86
Alexander Torres, of Paterson, age 36
Elfonso Hernandez, of Paterson, age 38
Lindsey Cook, of Paterson, age 50

Darrell Boyd, of Paterson, age 48
Colleen Siedel, of Paterson, age 44
Andrew Kirk, of Hawthorne, age 26
Giuseppe Messano, of Wallington, age 28
Shane Mahi, of Franklin Lakes, age 24
Jonathan Perrotta, of Haledon, age 19

A criminal complaint is merely an accusation. Despite this accusation, the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.