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## **TAKEDOWN AT POST AVENUE**

New York City's Special Narcotics Prosecutor BRIDGET G. BRENNAN and New York City Police Commissioner RAYMOND W. KELLY announced today the arrest and indictment of 21 members of two cocaine and marijuana organizations on Post Avenue between Dykman Street and 204th Street in Upper Manhattan. Today's arrests are the culmination of a yearlong investigation into narcotics trafficking and drug-related violence on Post Avenue - a location that accounted for 10 percent of all narcotics complaints received by Manhattan North Narcotics for the 34th Precinct.

Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly said, "As a result of these arrests, we put an end to a street-level narcotics operation that has been a bane to residents of Upper Manhattan. This success is shared by our officers from Manhattan North Narcotics, the local community and the Special Narcotics Prosecutor."

Special Narcotics Prosecutor Bridget Brennan said: "The dismantling of these organizations is a victory for people in the community who are trying to revitalize their neighborhood and have had to live with the criminality and violence of these organizations for too long. The success of these operations will mean a lot to Post Avenue residents who can now reclaim their neighborhood."

Between Dykman Street and Academy Street - Lower Post - narcotics detectives identified an organization that, at its height, had a network of at least 25 participants who regularly dealt marijuana and cocaine in multi-ounce quantities. Sixteen were apprehended last week and charged in a 19-count indictment with multiple felony offenses including Conspiracy and Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance.

The second organization involved at least eight individuals who dealt large quantities of marijuana on Post Avenue, between Academy and West 204th Streets. Buyers clogged the avenue in doubled parked cars and marijuana was sold on the street.

This investigation is ongoing and more arrests are expected.