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Four indicted for drug trafficking in Coney Island and Williamsburg, Brooklyn: 34 narcotics and firearm charges

Bridget G. Brennan, New York City's Special Narcotics Prosecutor, and William J. Bratton, New York City Police Commissioner, today announced a 34-count indictment charging four individuals with drug trafficking in the vicinity of Sea Rise, a privately-owned housing development in Coney Island, and Williams Plaza, a New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) complex in Williamsburg, as well as one firearm sale.

A long-term investigation by the New York City Police Department's (NYPD) Narcotics Borough Brooklyn South was sparked by community complaints and incidents of drug and gang-related violence in the vicinity of Sea Rise in Coney Island.

Between August 2014 and May 2015, the defendants are charged with conducting 32 sales of crack cocaine and heroin to undercover officers. Sales took place in apartments, lobbies and stairwells, in front of residential buildings and in parking lots. Customers communicated by phone calls and text messages, or approached loitering dealers.

The defendants were arrested beginning on May 26, 2015. Today they are scheduled to be arraigned on the indictment by Manhattan Supreme Court Justice James M. Burke in Part 22, 111 Centre St., on the 9th floor.

The main subject of the investigation, DENZEL TORRES, faces 32 counts of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance and one count of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in connection with sales to undercover officers. These include multiple large sales of as much as 60 grams of crack cocaine or 700 individual dose glassine envelopes of heroin at a time for between \$3,000 and \$3,900. These sales took place in the vicinity of TORRES' residence at the Williams Plaza and also at Sea Rise. Bail for TORRES was set at \$250,000 at the time of his Manhattan Criminal Court arraignment in May.

Another defendant, ANDRE KITTLES, is accused of selling a loaded .380 caliber firearm to an undercover officer for \$600 on September 11, 2014. Prior to the gun sale, TORRES and KITTLES met with the undercover officer at 2750 West 33rd Street in Coney Island in order to make a heroin and crack cocaine sale. Upon completing the drug transaction, KITTLES and the undercover officer rode an elevator to another floor, where the firearm sale took place. KITTLES is implicated in a total of five drug sales. He was ordered held without bail, along with a third defendant, DANNY MAISONET.

Bail for a fourth defendant charged in the indictment, JAMES MADERA, was set at \$30,000 cash or \$50,000 bond.

Special Narcotics Prosecutor Bridget G. Brennan thanked the NYPD's Narcotics Borough Brooklyn South and the Kings County District Attorney's Office for their work on the investigation.

INDICTED DEFENDANTS	CHARGES
Denzel Torres 255 Havemeyer St., Apt. 2C Brooklyn, NY 4/8/1994	CSCS 1 st – 1 ct CSCS 2 nd – 4 cts CSCS 3 rd – 24 cts CPCS 3 rd – 1 ct
Danny Maisonet 3405 Neptune Ave. Brooklyn, NY 7/26/1989	CSCS 3 rd – 1 ct
James Madera 280 Eldert St. Brooklyn, NY 7/24/1958	CSCS 3 rd – 1 ct
Andre Kittles 105 Avenue X Brooklyn, NY 10/17/1989	CSCS 3 rd – 5 cts Criminal Sale of a Firearm 3 rd – 1 ct

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