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Nine Defendants Plead Guilty to Narcotic Charges Following Long-Term Investigation

Rochester, NY- Between the months of May 2017 and September 2017, nine defendants pled guilty to various narcotic charges after a six-month investigation led by GRANET (Greater Rochester Area Narcotics Enforcement Team) and Sgt. Phil Genier of the Monroe County Sheriff's Office. Through the investigation approximately 8 kilos of cocaine and half a kilo of heroin were seized by law enforcement from various people and locations during this investigation, along with \$200,855, five illegal guns, scores of equipment used to breakdown and package bulk narcotics for street sale, 2,730 packs of untaxed cigarettes and thousands of forged tax stamps.

Ten individuals were indicted for the narcotics seized during the investigation. On May 23, 2017, 35-year-old Jean Martinez pled guilty to Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 2nd Degree. Martinez was sentenced on June 13, 2017, to five years in the New York State Department of Corrections and five years Post Release Supervision.

On June 13, 2017, 36-year-old Luis Cartagena pled guilty to Criminal possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree. Cartagena will be sentenced on October 17, 2017, and faces up to nine years in the New York State Department of Corrections.

On June 20, 2017, 35-year-old Luis Colon-Luna pled guilty to his top count of Criminal possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree. He was sentenced to three years in the New York State Department of Corrections and 3 years of Post Release Supervision as a second felony offender.

On June 27, 2017, 25-year-old Aisar Nasser Nassr pled guilty to his top count of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree. He is scheduled to be sentenced on September 26, 2017, and is expected to be sentenced to one year in the Monroe County Jail. He is not a United States citizen and is currently in Immigrations and Customs Enforcement custody.

On August 8, 2017, 27-year-old Milton Leyro pled guilty to all counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 1st Degree, Attempted Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 1st Degree, two counts of Attempted Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the 1st Degree, two counts of Conspiracy in the 2nd Degree, Conspiracy in the 4th Degree and Criminal Possession

of a Firearm. He was sentenced on September 19, 2017, to nine years in the New York State Department of Corrections and five years of Post Release Supervision.

On September 5, 2017, 27-year-old Angel Reyes pled to his top count of Attempted Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 1st Degree. He will be sentenced on September 26, 2017, to eight years in the New York State Department of Corrections and five years of Post Release Supervision.

On September 11, 2017, 25-year-old Hassan Altawel pled guilty to his top count of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree. He will be sentenced to 2 years in the New York State Department of Corrections and 2 years of Post Release Supervision on October 10, 2017.

Also on September 11, 2017, 44-year-old Luis Arroyo-Acosta pled guilty to Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 2nd Degree and is scheduled for sentencing on October 10, 2017. He faces a range between three and ten years in the New York State Department of Corrections.

Also on September 11, 2017, 25-year-old Isaac Villanueva, Jr. pled guilty to all counts, two counts of Criminal possession of a Controlled Substance in the 1st Degree and Conspiracy in the 4th Degree. He will be sentenced to nine years in the New York State Department of Corrections on October 10, 2017 and five years of Post Release Supervision.

The remaining defendant, 29-year-old Sheira Martinez, is charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 1st Degree, Attempted Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 1st Degree, Attempted Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the 1st Degree, Conspiracy in the 2nd Degree and Conspiracy in the 4th Degree. Her next court date is September 26, 2017.

All of these defendants were before State Supreme Court Justice Affronti.

Also arrested from the long-term investigation was 49-year-old Ramez Alsafadi. He pled guilty on September 11, 2017 by way of Superior Court Information to Attempted Possession of a Forged Instrument in the 1st Degree for the forged tax stamps. He will be sentenced on November 13, 2017 to five years of probation and will be ordered to pay \$13,920 in restitution to the New York State Department of Tax and Finance in front of Judge Miller.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorneys Lisa Gray and Jennifer Hyatt of the Special Investigations Bureau.

“Thanks to incredible investigative work by Sgt. Phil Genier and his team at GRANET, eleven arrests were made resulting in ten guilty pleas at this time,” said Assistant District Attorney Lisa Gray. “This long-term investigation shows that this community will not tolerate the illegal narcotics being trafficked throughout Monroe County. The use of modern technology and tools allowed this investigation to yield evidence that was critical in prosecuting these cases and putting many of these criminals behind bars.”

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