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**U.S. CHARGES FIFTEEN WESTCHESTER MEN  
WITH NARCOTICS AND FIREARMS CRIMES**

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, MARK J. MERSHON, the Assistant Director in Charge of the New York Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"), EDMUND HARTNETT, the Yonkers Police Commissioner, FRANK G. STRAUB, the Commissioner of the White Plains Department of Public Safety, and THOMAS BELFIORE, the Commissioner of Public Safety for Westchester County, announced the unsealing in White Plains federal court today of 4 Indictments charging 14 individuals with narcotics offenses and one individual with firearms offenses. The Indictments stem from a joint investigation of narcotics trafficking -- in Westchester County, New York and Berkshire County, Massachusetts -- conducted by the FBI, the Yonkers Police Department ("YPD"), the White Plains Department of Public Safety ("WPDPS"), the Westchester County Department of Public Safety ("WCDPS"), the Pittsfield, Massachusetts, Police Department ("PPD") and the Berkshire County, Massachusetts, Narcotics Drug Task Force ("BCNDF").

The Indictments collectively name the following individuals: PEDRO ADAMS, a/k/a "White Pete", MIGUEL BENITEZ, a/k/a "Mega", JOHN CURET, a/k/a "JB", a/k/a "John John", a/k/a "Cous", KRISTOPHER ALVARADO, a/k/a "Skur", a/k/a "Christian", EDWARD NEGRIN, a/k/a "Kev", HECTOR SANTILLAN, a/k/a "Freaky", WILLIAMS HENDRICKS, a/k/a "Charlie," ZACHARY VASQUEZ, a/k/a "Munch," PAUL DANIELS, a/k/a "Harlem", DARRYL RANDOLPH, a/k/a "Light", TAVON NELSON, KENWAN REED, a/k/a "Crazy K", YUSUF FORD, DAMEION WHITE, a/k/a "Hub", and MICHAEL BELL, a/k/a "Boner".

PEDRO ADAMS, MIGUEL BENITEZ, JOHN CURET, KRISTOPHER ALVARADO, HECTOR SANTILLAN, WILLIAMS HENDRICKS, DAMEION WHITE and MICHAEL BELL were arrested this morning. YUSUF FORD, TAVON NELSON, EDWARD NEGRIN, and PAUL DANIELS are incarcerated on other charges. ZACHARY VASQUEZ, KENWAN REED and DARRYL RANDOLPH are being sought.

During the course of this long-term investigation, the FBI, YPD, WPDPS, WCDPS, PPD, and BCNDTF collectively obtained more than two pounds of crack cocaine through street purchases and seizures, as well as a Smith and Wesson .38 caliber revolver with a defaced serial number.

Set forth below are the names of defendants and the mandatory minimum and maximum potential sentence faced by each upon conviction:

<b>DEFENDANT</b>	<b>MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCE</b>	<b>MAXIMUM POTENTIAL SENTENCE</b>
PEDRO ADAMS	10 years	Life Imprisonment
MIGUEL BENITEZ	10 years	Life Imprisonment
JOHN CURET	10 years	Life Imprisonment
KRISTOPHER ALVARADO	10 years	Life Imprisonment
EDWARD NEGRIN	10 years	Life Imprisonment
HECTOR SANTILLAN	10 years	Life Imprisonment
WILLIAMS HENDRICKS	10 years	Life Imprisonment
ZACHARY VASQUEZ	10 years	Life Imprisonment
PAUL DANIELS	10 years	Life Imprisonment
DARRYL RANDOLPH	10 years	Life Imprisonment
TAVON NELSON	10 years	Life Imprisonment
DAMEION WHITE	5 years	80 years
MICHAEL BELL	5 years	80 years
KENWAN REED	5 years	40 years

YUSUF FORD	N/A	15 years
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Mr. GARCIA praised the investigative efforts and cooperation of the FBI, YPD, WPDPS, WCDPS, the Westchester County Division of Probation and the New York State Division of Parole. In addition, Mr. GARCIA praised the investigative efforts and cooperation of David Capeless, the Berkshire County, Massachusetts, District Attorney, the Berkshire County, Massachusetts, District Attorney's Office, the PPD and the BCNDF.

Mr. GARCIA said the investigation is continuing.

The charges contained in the Indictments are merely accusations, and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

Assistant United States Attorney JOHN P. COLLINS, JR. is in charge of the prosecution.

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