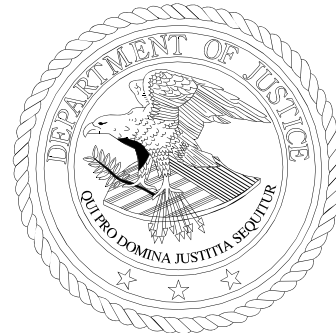


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CAMDEN – A wholesale supplier to a drug trafficking network that was responsible for the distribution of large quantities of cocaine in the Cumberland County area pleaded guilty today to his role in the conspiracy, U.S. Attorney Christopher J. Christie announced.

Miquea Isidro Acosta, 46, a.k.a. “Isidro,” of New York, N.Y., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Jerome B. Simandle to a one-count Superseding Information, which charges him with conspiring with Felipe Telleria, 35, a.k.a. “Alex,” of Vineland and others to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 5 kilograms or more of cocaine between June 2002 and July 2006. Judge Simandle scheduled sentencing for June 15. Acosta has been detained since his arrest on July 28, 2006.

At his plea hearing, Acosta admitted that he agreed with Telleria and others to distribute cocaine. Acosta admitted that he regularly supplied Telleria with kilogram quantities of cocaine and that over the course of the conspiracy he supplied Telleria with more than five kilograms of cocaine. Acosta occasionally traveled to Vineland to deliver cocaine to Telleria or to pick up payment for the cocaine from Telleria, he admitted.

A one-count Superseding Indictment returned on July 26, 2006, charges Telleria and Jose Luis Delgado, 21, of Vineland, and five others with conspiring to distribute and possess with intent to distribute large amounts of cocaine and crack cocaine. Telleria and Delgado were arrested on July 11, 2006, in Vineland on an earlier one-count Indictment. Each of the defendants has been held in federal custody since their arrest.

The case is the result of a long-term investigation by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and the Cumberland County Narcotics Task Force.

The charge to which Acosta pleaded guilty, conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 5 kilograms or more of cocaine, carries a mandatory minimum penalty of 10 years in prison and a maximum penalty of life and a \$4 million fine.

Telleria and Delgado are both awaiting trial on one count of conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute five or more kilograms of cocaine and 50 grams or more of crack cocaine, which carries a mandatory minimum penalty of 10 years and a maximum penalty of life in prison, and a fine of up to \$4 million.

Despite Indictment, every defendant is presumed innocent, unless and until found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt, following a trial at which the defendant has all of the trial rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution and federal law.

Christie credited the Special Agents of the DEA, under the direction of Special Agent in

Charge Gerald P. McAleer in Newark; and Investigators with member agencies of the Cumberland County Narcotics Task Force, under the direction of Cumberland County Prosecutor Ronald J. Casella, with developing the investigation which resulted in the Superseding Indictment and Indictments. The Cumberland County Narcotics Task Force is comprised of the Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office, DEA, FBI, ATF, New Jersey State Police, Vineland Police Department, Bridgeton Police Department, Millville Police Department. Additionally, the Cape May Prosecutor's Office, under the direction of Prosecutor Robert L. Taylor, and the New Jersey Department of Human Services Police, under the direction Capt. Glenn Garbarino, were thanked for their assistance in the investigation.

The government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Diana V. Carrig of the U.S. Attorney's Criminal Division in Camden.

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