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Member of Cumberland County Cocaine Trafficking Network Pleads Guilty

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CAMDEN – A member of a cocaine 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.

Victor Jose Oyola, Jr., 28, of Vineland, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Jerome B. Simandle to a one-count Superseding Information, which charges him with conspiring with Felipe Telleria, 34, a.k.a. "Alex," of Vineland and others to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 500 or more grams of cocaine. Judge Simandle scheduled sentencing for April 19.

At his plea hearing, Oyola admitted that between April and July 2006 he agreed with Telleria and Telleria's associate, Jose Luis Delgado, 22, of Vineland, and others to distribute cocaine. Oyola admitted that he redistributed cocaine which he had obtained from Telleria and Delgado. Furthermore, Oyola admitted that in May 2006 Delgado supplied him with approximately one-half kilogram of cocaine, which he knew was from Telleria. Also in May 2006, Oyola obtained approximately one kilogram of cocaine from Telleria, he admitted.

Oyola admitted that Telleria and Delgado had fronted him the cocaine, meaning they would give it to him with the understanding that he would pay them for the cocaine after he had resold it. Oyola admitted that he paid Telleria some of the money that he owed to him for the cocaine after he had redistributed the cocaine to another individual.

A one-count Superseding Indictment returned on July 26, 2006, charges Telleria and Delgado, plus five others with conspiring from July 2004 through July 11, 2006, to distribute and possess with intent to distribute large amounts of cocaine and crack cocaine. Telleria and Delgado were arrested on July 11, 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 Oyola pleaded guilty to, conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine, carries a mandatory minimum penalty of five years in prison and a maximum penalty of 40 years in prison, and a fine of up to \$2 million.

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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