



Allamuchy Township, New Jersey. RODRIGUEZ and CEDENO stormed the truck at a rest-area. The driver of the truck was pistol-whipped, restrained with plastic flex-ties, and held in the back of the cab. A co-conspirator drove the truck to the Bronx where several of the robbers left to negotiate a deal to sell the contents of the truck. The remaining co-conspirators watched the truck from a distance, leaving the driver restrained in the back of the cab. The driver of the truck broke free from the restraints and drove away until he flagged down a New York City police officer.

RODRIGUEZ was found guilty of eight counts: conspiracy to commit kidnapping, conspiracy to commit armed robbery, two kidnapping counts, two armed robbery counts, and two firearms charges.

DIAZ was found guilty of five counts: conspiracy to commit kidnapping, conspiracy to commit armed robbery, kidnapping, armed robbery, and a firearms charge.

CEDENO was found guilty of five counts: conspiracy to commit kidnapping, conspiracy to commit armed robbery, kidnapping, armed robbery, and a firearms charge.

The defendants are scheduled to be sentenced by Judge McMAHON on October 17, 2008 at 2 p.m. DIAZ faces a mandatory minimum sentence of life imprisonment. RODRIGUEZ faces a mandatory minimum sentence of thirty-two years' imprisonment and a maximum potential sentence of life imprisonment. CEDENO faces a mandatory minimum sentence of seven years' imprisonment and a maximum potential sentence of life imprisonment.

Six other defendants -- GERMAN CUADRADO, PLUTARCO ANGULO-AGUIRRE, JORGE FLORES, VICTOR DIAZ, SAILE PARRA, and JUAN CAMACHO -- were charged as members of the crew and pleaded guilty. Each of those defendants except CAMACHO is subject to a maximum term of life imprisonment. CAMACHO is subject to a maximum term of twenty-five years' imprisonment.

MR. GARCIA praised the outstanding work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Orangetown Police Department in the investigation of this case.

Assistant United States Attorneys NOLA B. HELLER and MICHAEL A. LEVY are in charge of the prosecution.

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