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**GENOVESE ORGANIZED CRIME FAMILY SOLDIER AND ASSOCIATES
SENTENCED TO PRISON TERMS FOR OFFENSES INCLUDING
RACKETEERING, EXTORTION, OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE,
NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING AND FIREARMS TRAFFICKING**

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that 14 defendants were sentenced recently in Manhattan federal court. As alleged in the Indictment, these defendants included one soldier and two associates of the Genovese Organized Crime Family. These defendants were originally charged in Manhattan federal court in a 42-count Indictment, captioned United States v. Liborio S. Bellomo, et al., S1 06 Cr. 08 (LAK) (the "Indictment") which charged 34 defendants, including an Acting Boss and various members and associates of the Genovese Organized Crime Family of La Cosa Nostra, with wide-ranging racketeering crimes and other offenses spanning more than a decade, including murder, violent extortions of various individuals and businesses, labor racketeering, obstruction of justice, narcotics trafficking, money laundering, and firearms trafficking. The Indictment targeted factions of the Genovese Organized Crime Family based in the Bronx, East Harlem, and Westchester, and was the result of a Federal investigation that began in 2003, and a related investigation by state authorities in Westchester County that began in 2005.

On April 13, 2007, four of the 14 defendants were sentenced. These defendants included Genovese Family Soldier Salvatore Larca, and Genovese Family associates Albert "Allie Boy" Tranquillo, Albert Faella, and John Tomero. Larca pleaded guilty to Racketeering crimes including labor racketeering, firearms trafficking and obstruction of justice. He was sentenced to, among other things, 63 months' imprisonment and he forfeited \$10,000 on the date of sentencing. Tranquillo pleaded guilty to two separate extortion conspiracies involving violent beatings of the extortion victims. Tranquillo was sentenced to,

among other things, 100 months' imprisonment and he forfeited \$250,000 on the date of sentencing. Faella pleaded guilty to obstruction of justice and he was sentenced to, among other things, 30 days' incarceration to be served on weekends. Finally, Tomero pleaded guilty to a narcotics trafficking conspiracy and the use of a firearm in furtherance of that conspiracy. Tomero was sentenced to, among other things, 87 months' imprisonment.

On April 26 and 27, 2007, nine other defendants were sentenced. These defendants included Genovese Family associate Tomas Terraciano, as well as Andrew Shea, Eric Cmiel, Joseph Lanza, Raymond Delarosa, Brian Falco, Samuel Lopez, Mark Fiore, and Louis Grillo. Terraciano pleaded guilty to obstruction of justice and was sentenced to, among other things, 12 months' imprisonment. Shea, Cmiel, Lanza, Delarosa, Falco, Lopez, Fiore, and Grillo all pleaded guilty to a narcotics trafficking conspiracy and received sentences ranging from 60 to 120 months' imprisonment.

In addition to the sentences described above, on February 26, 2007, after pleading to a narcotics trafficking conspiracy, Joseph Derosa was sentenced to, among other things, 30 months' imprisonment.

All of the above defendants were sentenced by the Honorable Lewis A. Kaplan, District Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Mr. GARCIA praised the efforts of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Westchester County District Attorney's Office, and the New York City Police Department, in this investigation. In addition, Mr. GARCIA expressed his appreciation to the Putnam County District Attorney and the Putnam County Sheriff's Offices for their assistance in this investigation.

Assistant United States Attorneys MIRIAM E. ROCAH, JONATHAN S. KOLODNER AND ERIC SNYDER are in charge of this prosecution.

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