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**MANHATTAN U.S. ATTORNEY CHARGES 30 MEMBERS
OF BRONX DRUG TRAFFICKING CREWS WITH DISTRIBUTING
HEROIN AND CRACK COCAINE**

*Undercover Officers Made Approximately 150 Narcotics Purchases
In Six-Month Period*

PREET BHARARA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, DELANO REID, the Special-Agent-in-Charge of the New York Division of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms ("ATF"), and RAYMOND W. KELLY, the Police Commissioner of the City of New York ("NYPD"), announced today the unsealing of six Indictments charging 30 members of drug trafficking crews operating in and around the Butler and Webster public housing projects (the "Butler Houses" and the "Webster Houses"), located in the Bronx, New York, with distributing heroin and crack cocaine. During the six-month investigation, federal and local law enforcement agencies, working with the Manhattan U.S. Attorney's Office, used undercover officers to infiltrate these drug crews.

Manhattan U.S. Attorney PREET BHARARA said: "The impact of illegal narcotics on the residents and the neighborhoods where they are peddled cannot be overstated. With today's arrests, it is our hope that the quality of life in at least two New York City communities will improve. Together with our law enforcement partners, our commitment to cleaning up the streets of New York for its citizens ranks among our highest priorities."

ATF Special Agent-in-Charge DELANO REID said: "The individuals arrested today have preyed upon the Webster and Butler Housing Projects for the last time. ATF's efforts, along with NYPD's, are to ensure a safe and drug free environment

will continue throughout the city and hopefully the residents of both Housing areas are a little closer to that reality today."

NYPD Commissioner RAYMOND W. KELLY said: "Drug traffickers breed addiction and draw violent crime into our neighborhoods. I applaud the NYPD's Bronx Narcotics Bureau and the U.S. Attorney's Office for putting these dealers out of business and behind bars, and helping improve the quality of life for residents of the Butler and Webster Houses in the Bronx."

The allegations contained in the six Indictments announced today are described in greater detail below.

U.S. v. Rentenze Farris, et al.

This Indictment charges RENTENZE FARRIS, SAMUEL SMITH, LINWOOD HARPER, WILBERT ROBERTS, DARRELL DECKARD and DYMERE GRAHAM with conspiring to distribute, and to possess with intent to distribute, more than 280 grams of crack cocaine. Each defendant is also charged with at least one substantive count of distributing, or possessing with the intent to distribute, a quantity of crack cocaine. This crew operated primarily out of an apartment located at 1270-72 Webster Avenue, one of the apartment buildings inside the Webster Houses. During the course of the investigation, NYPD officers made approximately 22 undercover purchases of crack cocaine from members of the crew.

The case is assigned to U.S. District Judge LAURA TAYLOR SWAIN.

U.S. v. Darren Ferdinand, et al.

This Indictment charges DARREN FERDINAND, ISIAH WILLIAMS, LAWRENCE BRUCE, DAVID WILLIAMS, QUINN ROBINSON, RONALD WILLIAMS, GIOVANNI CALDERON and JORGE MARRERO with conspiring to distribute, and to possess with intent to distribute, more than 28 grams of crack cocaine. Each defendant is also charged with at least one substantive count of distributing, or possessing with the intent to distribute, a quantity of crack cocaine or a quantity of heroin. In addition, CALDERON and RONALD WILLIAMS are also charged with distributing a quantity of heroin. This crew operated in the vicinity of 168th and 169th Streets and Webster Avenue, adjacent to the Webster Houses. During the course of the investigation, undercover officers made approximately 49 undercover purchases of narcotics from members of the crew.

The case is assigned to U.S. District Judge PAUL G. GARDEPHE.

U.S. v. James Butler, et al.

This Indictment charges JAMES BUTLER, KEITH HOLLOWAY, KENNETH BARNO, REGINALD RANDOLPH and GLENN COOPER with conspiring to distribute, and to possess with intent to distribute, more than 28 grams of crack cocaine. Each defendant is also charged with at least one substantive count of distributing, or possessing with the intent to distribute, a quantity of crack cocaine. This crew operated in the vicinity of 169th and 170th Streets and Webster Avenue, adjacent to the Butler Houses. During the course of the investigation, NYPD officers made approximately 18 undercover purchases of crack cocaine from members of the crew.

The case is assigned to U.S. District Judge JOHN G. KOELTL.

United States v. Jerry Adams, et al.

This Indictment charges JERRY ADAMS, DAQUAN PALMER, ALWYN PALMER, DEVILL HOGUE, CHRISTOPHER RODRIGUEZ, BARRY CRAWFORD, JONATHAN HESTER and HASSAN SHANE with conspiring to distribute, and to possess with intent to distribute, a quantity of heroin. In addition, ADAMS, HOGUE, RODRIGUEZ, HESTER, and CHANNON CAMPBELL are charged with conspiring to distribute, and to possess with intent to distribute, more than 28 grams of crack cocaine. Each of the nine defendants is also charged with at least one substantive count of distributing, or possessing with the intent to distribute, a quantity of crack cocaine or a quantity of heroin. This crew operated primarily in the vicinity of a store located at 1445 Webster Avenue, adjacent to the Butler Houses. During the course of the investigation, NYPD officers made approximately 16 undercover purchases of crack cocaine from members of the crew and 33 purchases of heroin.

The case is assigned to U.S. District Judge P. KEVIN CASTEL.

U.S. v. Joseph Finch & U.S. v. Pierre Holmes

JOSEPH FINCH and PIERRE HOLMES are each charged in two separate Indictments with distributing, and possessing with intent to distribute, crack cocaine on multiple occasions between March 2011 and August 2011.

U.S. v. Finch is assigned to U.S. District Judge ROBERT P. PATTERSON. U.S. v. Holmes is assigned to U.S. District Judge

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DARREN FERDINAND, LAWRENCE BRUCE, DAVID WILLIAMS, QUINN ROBINSON, RONALD WILLIAMS, GIOVANNI CALDERON, JORGE MARRERO, WILBERT ROBERTS, JAMES BUTLER, KEITH HOLLOWAY, KENNETH BARNO, JERRY ADAMS, DAQUAN PALMER, DEVILL HOGUE, JONATHAN HESTER, HASSAN SHANE and PIERRE HOLMES were arrested today and are expected to be presented in Manhattan federal court later this afternoon. The rest of the defendants are still being sought. The charges against each defendant and the corresponding maximum potential penalties are outlined in a chart attached to this press release.

Mr. BHARARA praised the outstanding investigative work of the ATF, the NYPD and the U.S. Marshals Service. He added that the investigation is continuing.

The prosecution of these cases is being overseen by the Office's Violent Crimes Unit. Assistant U.S. Attorneys TELEMACHUS P. KASULIS and AMY LESTER are in charge of the prosecution.

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

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U.S. v. Rentenze Farris, et al.

	CHARGE	DEFENDANTS	MAXIMUM PENALTIES
1	Narcotics conspiracy (Conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 280 grams and more of crack cocaine)	RENTENZE FARRIS SAMUEL SMITH LINWOOD HARPER WILBERT ROBERTS DARRELL DECKARD DYMERE GRAHAM	Life in prison Mandatory minimum: 10 years in prison
2	Distribution and possession with intent to distribute a quantity of crack cocaine	RENTENZE FARRIS	20 years in prison
3	Distribution and possession with intent to distribute a quantity of crack cocaine	SAMUEL SMITH	20 years in prison
4	Distribution and possession with intent to distribute a quantity of crack cocaine	LINWOOD HARPER	20 years in prison
5	Distribution and possession with intent to distribute a quantity of crack cocaine	WILBERT ROBERTS	20 years in prison
6	Distribution and possession with intent to distribute a quantity of crack cocaine	DARRELL DECKARD	20 years in prison

7	Distribution and possession with intent to distribute a quantity of crack cocaine	DYMERE GRAHAM	20 years in prison
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DEFENDANT	RESIDENCE
RENTENZE FARRIS	BRONX, NEW YORK
SAMUEL SMITH	BRONX, NEW YORK
LINWOOD HARPER	BRONX, NEW YORK
WILBERT ROBERTS	BRONX, NEW YORK
DARRELL DECKARD	BRONX, NEW YORK
DYMERE GRAHAM	BRONX, NEW YORK

U.S. v. Darren Ferdinand, et al.

	CHARGE	DEFENDANTS	MAXIMUM PENALTIES
1	Narcotics conspiracy (Conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 28 grams and more of crack cocaine)	DARREN FERDINAND ISIAH WILLIAMS LAWRENCE BRUCE DAVID WILLIAMS QUINN ROBINSON RONALD WILLIAMS GIOVANNI CALDERON JORGE MARRERO	40 years in prison Mandatory minimum: 5 years in prison
2	Narcotics conspiracy (Conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute a quantity of heroin)	GIOVANNI CALDERON RONALD WILLIAMS	20 years in prison
3	Distribution and possession with intent to distribute a quantity of crack cocaine	DARREN FERDINAND QUINN ROBINSON	20 years in prison

4	Distribution and possession with intent to distribute a quantity of crack cocaine	DARREN FERDINAND ISIAH WILLIAMS DAVID WILLIAMS	20 years in prison
5	Distribution and possession with intent to distribute a quantity of crack cocaine	ISIAH WILLIAMS LAWRENCE BRUCE	20 years in prison
6	Distribution and possession with intent to distribute a quantity of crack cocaine	RONALD WILLIAMS	20 years in prison
7	Distribution and possession with intent to distribute a quantity of crack cocaine	GIOVANNI CALDERON	20 years in prison
8	Distribution and possession with intent to distribute a quantity of crack cocaine	DARREN FERDINAND JORGE MARRERO	20 years in prison
9	Distribution and possession with intent to distribute a quantity of heroin	RONALD WILLIAMS GIOVANNI CALDERON	20 years in prison

DEFENDANT	RESIDENCE
DARREN FERDINAND	BRONX, NEW YORK
ISIAH WILLIAMS	BRONX, NEW YORK
LAWRENCE BRUCE	BRONX, NEW YORK
DAVID WILLIAMS	BRONX, NEW YORK
QUINN ROBINSON	BRONX, NEW YORK
RONALD WILLIAMS	BRONX, NEW YORK
GIOVANNI CALDERON	BRONX, NEW YORK
JORGE MARRERO	BRONX, NEW YORK

U.S. v. James Butler, et al.

	CHARGE	DEFENDANT	MAXIMUM PENALTIES
1	Narcotics conspiracy (Conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 28 grams and more of crack cocaine)	JAMES BUTLER KEITH HOLLOWAY KENNETH BARNO REGINALD RANDOLPH GLENN COOPER	40 years in prison Mandatory minimum: 5 years in prison
2	Distribution and possession with intent to distribute a quantity of crack cocaine	JAMES BUTLER KEITH HOLLOWAY	20 years in prison
3	Distribution and possession with intent to distribute a quantity of crack cocaine	JAMES BUTLER KENNETH BARNO	20 years in prison
4	Distribution and possession with intent to distribute a quantity of crack cocaine	KEITH HOLLOWAY REGINALD RANDOLPH	20 years in prison
5	Distribution and possession with intent to distribute a quantity of crack cocaine	JAMES BUTLER GLENN COOPER	20 years in prison

DEFENDANT	RESIDENCE
JAMES BUTLER	BRONX, NEW YORK
KEITH HOLLOWAY	BRONX, NEW YORK
KENNETH BARNO	BRONX, NEW YORK
REGINALD RANDOLPH	NEW YORK, NEW YORK
GLENN COOPER	BRONX, NEW YORK

U.S. v. Jerry Adams, et al.

	CHARGE	DEFENDANTS	MAXIMUM PENALTIES
1	Narcotics conspiracy (Conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 28 grams and more of crack cocaine)	JERRY ADAMS DEVILL HOGUE CHRISTOPHER RODRIGUEZ JONATHAN HESTER CHANNON CAMPBELL	40 years in prison Mandatory minimum: 5 years in prison
2	Narcotics conspiracy (Conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute a quantity of heroin)	JERRY ADAMS DAQUAN PALMER ALWYN PALMER DEVILL HOGUE CHRISTOPHER RODRIGUEZ BARRY CRAWFORD JONATHAN HESTER HASSAN SHANE	20 years in prison
3	Distribution and possession with intent to distribute a quantity of crack cocaine	JERRY ADAMS	20 years in prison
4	Distribution and possession with intent to distribute a quantity of crack cocaine	DEVILL HOGUE CHANNON CAMPBELL	20 years in prison
5	Distribution and possession with intent to distribute a quantity of crack cocaine	CHRISTOPHER RODRIGUEZ	20 years in prison
6	Distribution and possession with intent to distribute a quantity of crack cocaine	JONATHAN HESTER	20 years in prison
7	Distribution and possession with intent to distribute a quantity of heroin	JERRY ADAMS	20 years in prison

8	Distribution and possession with intent to distribute a quantity of heroin	DAQUAN PALMER	20 years in prison
9	Distribution and possession with intent to distribute a quantity of heroin	ALWYN PALMER CHRISTOPHER RODRIGUEZ HASSAN SHANE	20 years in prison
10	Distribution and possession with intent to distribute a quantity of heroin	BARRY CRAWFORD	20 years in prison
11	Distribution and possession with intent to distribute a quantity of heroin	DAQUAN PALMER JONATHAN HESTER	20 years in prison

DEFENDANT	RESIDENCE
JERRY ADAMS	BRONX, NEW YORK
DAQUAN PALMER	BRONX, NEW YORK
ALWYN PALMER	BRONX, NEW YORK
DEVILL HOGUE	BRONX, NEW YORK
CHRISTOPHER RODRIGUEZ	BRONX, NEW YORK
BARRY CRAWFORD	NEW YORK, NEW YORK
JONATHAN HESTER	BRONX, NEW YORK
HASSAN SHANE	BRONX, NEW YORK
CHANNON CAMPBELL	BRONX, NEW YORK

U.S. v. Joseph Finch

	CHARGE	DEFENDANT	MAXIMUM PENALTIES
1	Distribution and possession with intent to distribute a quantity of crack cocaine	JOSEPH FINCH	20 years in prison
2	Distribution and possession with intent to distribute a quantity of crack cocaine	JOSEPH FINCH	20 years in prison
3	Distribution and possession with intent to distribute a quantity of crack cocaine	JOSEPH FINCH	20 years in prison

Defendant	Residence
JOSEPH FINCH	BRONX, NEW YORK

U.S. v. Pierre Holmes

	CHARGE	DEFENDANT	MAXIMUM PENALTIES
1	Distribution and possession with intent to distribute a quantity of crack cocaine	PIERRE HOLMES	20 years in prison
2	Distribution and possession with intent to distribute a quantity of crack cocaine	PIERRE HOLMES	20 years in prison
3	Distribution and possession with intent to distribute a quantity of crack cocaine	PIERRE HOLMES	20 years in prison

4	Distribution and possession with intent to distribute a quantity of crack cocaine	PIERRE HOLMES	20 years in prison
5	Distribution and possession with intent to distribute a quantity of crack cocaine	PIERRE HOLMES	20 years in prison
6	Distribution and possession with intent to distribute a quantity of crack cocaine	PIERRE HOLMES	20 years in prison
7	Distribution and possession with intent to distribute a quantity of crack cocaine	PIERRE HOLMES	20 years in prison

Defendant	Residence
PIERRE HOLMES	BRONX, NEW YORK