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UNITED STATES ATTORNEY PREET BHARARA ANNOUNCES
SENIOR APPOINTMENTS IN WHITE PLAINS DIVISION

PREET BHARARA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced today the following appointments to the senior staff of the Office's White Plains Division:

DIANE GUJARATI was named Chief of the White Plains Division. Prior to her appointment, Ms. GUJARATI, who joined the Office in 1999, served as Deputy Chief of the White Plains Division and before that as Deputy Chief of the Appeals Unit in the Criminal Division. She is a 1990 graduate of Barnard College and a 1995 graduate of Yale Law School. Prior to joining the Office, she clerked for the Honorable JOHN M. WALKER, JR., of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and worked as an associate at Davis Polk & Wardwell in New York.

MICHAEL Q. ENGLISH was named Deputy Chief of the White Plains Division. Mr. ENGLISH joined the Office in 2005 and served in the Violent Crimes Unit in Manhattan. He is a 1995 graduate of Williams College and a 2000 graduate of Fordham University School of Law. After law school, he clerked for the Honorable PETER K. LEISURE of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, and the Honorable JOSEPH M. MCLAUGHLIN of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Prior to joining the Office, he worked as an associate at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP in New York.

MARGERIE B. FEINZIG, who served as Chief of the White Plains Division from 2004 until earlier this year, was named Senior Trial Counsel of the White Plains Division. While serving as the Division's Chief, she supervised many of the Office's most significant cases, including the prosecution of former New York City Police Commissioner BERNARD KERIK. She also personally handled several high-priority cases, including the investigation and prosecution of SAMUEL ISRAEL and other principals engaged in fraud at the Bayou hedge funds. In her new role, she will continue to handle the Division's high-priority investigations

and prosecutions. She is a 1984 graduate of Tufts University and a 1989 graduate of the University of Chicago Law School. Prior to joining the Office, she worked as an associate at Cravath, Swaine & Moore in New York.

CYNTHIA K. DUNNE also was named Senior Trial Counsel of the White Plains Division. Ms. DUNNE began her career in the Office's Civil Division where she handled complex defensive and affirmative litigation. Most recently, she has handled numerous high-priority criminal cases in the White Plains Division, including the prosecutions of former Commissioner of the Mount Vernon Department of Planning and Community Development, CONSTANCE "GERI" POST, and former New York State Commissioner of Labor, JAMES MCGOWAN, on corruption charges. She is a 1978 graduate of Rollins College and a 1984 graduate of Pace University School of Law. She will continue to handle the Division's high-priority investigations and prosecutions.

The Division has 15 prosecutors who handle a wide variety of cases, including those involving gang violence, narcotics and firearms trafficking, armed robbery and murder, public corruption, civil rights violations, child exploitation, identify theft, and securities, tax, and other commercial fraud.

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U.S. Attorney PREET BHARARA said: "I am pleased to announce the appointment of these four outstanding prosecutors to their new leadership roles in the White Plains Division. They each have distinguished themselves through their diligence in the Office, mastery of the courtroom, leadership among colleagues, and, most important, their integrity in the pursuit of justice. The White Plains Division is crucial to the mission of this Office, working with federal, state, and local law enforcement partners in the six counties we serve north of New York City to keep our neighborhoods safe and our governments honest. Under their leadership, the Office will continue in this tradition."

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