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**MANHATTAN U.S. ATTORNEY CHARGES NEW YORK CITY POLICE
OFFICER IN ARMED DRUG ROBBERY SCHEME**

PREET BHARARA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, JOHN P. GILBRIDE, the Special Agent-in-Charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration's New York Field Division ("DEA"), RAYMOND W. KELLY, the Police Commissioner of the City of New York, and HARRY J. CORBITT, the Superintendent of the New York State Police ("NYSP"), announced that New York City police officer MIGUEL BURGOS was arrested for allegedly conspiring to rob suspected drug dealers in New York City. BURGOS was arrested yesterday outside his residence in Bronx, New York, on an Indictment charging him with conspiracy to commit armed robberies.

According to the Indictment unsealed today in Manhattan federal court:

BURGOS purchased a hydraulic pump, which he then gave to co-conspirators in the vicinity of West 230th Street and Kingsbridge Avenue, Bronx, to use in their attempted robbery of a suspected narcotics trafficker. BURGOS also provided co-

conspirators a police scanner that was then used during the

BURGOS, 32, is charged with one count of Hobbs Act robbery conspiracy, which carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison and a maximum fine of \$250,000 or twice the gross gain or loss from the offense. The defendant is expected to appear in Manhattan federal court later today.

Mr. BHARARA praised the investigative work of the New York Drug Enforcement Task Force -- which consists of agents and officers of the DEA, the New York City Police Department, and the NYSP -- and thanked the NYPD's Internal Affairs Bureau for their role in the investigation. Mr. BHARARA added that the investigation is continuing.

Assistant United States Attorneys JESSICA ORTIZ and ZACHARY FEINGOLD are in charge of the prosecution. The case is being prosecuted by the Office's Violent Crimes and Public Corruption Units.

The charge contained in the Indictment is merely an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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