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INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS TRAFFICKER PLEADS GUILTY
IN MANHATTAN FEDERAL COURT

*Defendant Conspired To Bring Multi-Kilogram Quantities Of Heroin
Into The United States*

PREET BHARARA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that MOHAMMED ZAMEER NABIBUX ("ZAMEER"), a citizen of the United Kingdom, pled guilty today in Manhattan federal court to conspiring to import heroin into the United States. ZAMEER, 34, pled guilty before U.S. Magistrate Judge

According to the Indictment to which ZAMEER pled guilty, documents previously filed in Manhattan federal court, statements made during the guilty plea proceeding, and other information in the public record:

From July through October 2009, ZAMEER NABIBUX and his father AFZAL NABIBUX ("AFZAL") participated in an international drug trafficking organization with operations in places including, Europe, South America, and the Middle East. In September 2009, they discussed shipping hundreds of kilograms of cocaine from South America to Europe, by airplane and container ship, with two DEA confidential sources who purported to offer narcotics transportation services. ZAMEER and AFZAL subsequently participated in a meeting with the two confidential sources at which they discussed the sale of ten kilograms of heroin for distribution in the United States. The initial sale was to be used as a test shipment and future ventures would be considered if it proved successful. ZAMEER and AFZAL stated that they planned to obtain heroin from Pakistan and to transport it, concealed in two suitcases, by plane to Milan, Italy, via Turkish Airlines.

ZAMEER was arrested by Spanish authorities at the request of the United States on October 14, 2009, when he traveled to Madrid, Spain, to discuss payment for the heroin with

one of the confidential sources. Two days later, AFZAL was also arrested by Spanish authorities at the request of the United States, when he traveled to Spain. ZAMEER was extradited to the United States on September 28, 2010. AFZAL was extradited to the United States on October 29, 2010.

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ZAMEER pled guilty to one count of conspiracy to import narcotics into the United States. He faces a maximum sentence of life in prison, but based on assurances provided to Spain in connection with ZAMEER's extradition, a life sentence will not be sought. AFZAL previously pled guilty to one count of conspiracy to import narcotics into the United States and will be sentenced by U.S. District Judge LEWIS A. KAPLAN on July 19, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. AFZAL also faces a maximum sentence of life in prison, but extradition, a life sentence will not be sought.

Mr. BHARARA praised the outstanding investigative work of the DEA's Special Operations Division, the DEA's Madrid Country Office, and DEA's Rome Country Office. He also thanked the Spanish National Police and the Italian Polizia di Stato, Questura di Bologna, and the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of International Affairs for their ongoing assistance.

The case is being handled by the Office's Terrorism and International Narcotics Unit. Assistant U.S. Attorneys BENJAMIN NAFTALIS, AIMEE HECTOR, and JENNA DABBS are in charge of the prosecution.

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