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FOUR ARRESTED FOR BRONX DRUG TRAFFICKING

LEV L. DASSIN, the Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, RAYMOND W. KELLY, the Police Commissioner of the City of New York, RONALD B. TURK, the Special Agent-in-Charge of the New York Field Division of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives ("ATF"), and JOHN P. GILBRIDE, the Special Agent-In-Charge of the New York Field Division of the Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA"), announced the arrests today of HARRISON BROWN, a/k/a "H," ALLAHVELL CUTTS, a/k/a "Vell", MALIK SAUNDERS, a/k/a "Man," and RASHEEM LEE, a/k/a "Godson," on charges of drug trafficking at various locations in the Bronx.

The arrests are the result of a two-year law enforcement operation led by the NYPD, ATF, and DEA, with the assistance of the New York State Division of Parole and the United States Marshals Service for the Southern District of New York.

BROWN, CUTTS, SAUNDERS and LEE are charged together with five additional individuals who have not been arrested -- HENRY FRANKLIN, a/k/a "BT," JOHN SUTTON, a/k/a "J-Black," RAHEAM

STEED, a/k/a "Heeni," CALEB HOOKER, a/k/a "Kahleaf," and WAJEEH BAKER -- in an Indictment unsealed today. Specific offenses charged and potential penalties are set forth below:

Count	Charge	Defendants	Potential Prison Terms
One	Conspiracy to distribute over 50 grams of crack cocaine	HARRISON BROWN, a/k/a "H," and ALLAHVELL CUTTS, a/k/a "Vell"	Maximum: Life in prison Mandatory minimum: 10 years in prison
Two	Conspiracy to distribute over 50 grams of crack cocaine and a quantity of cocaine	HARRISON BROWN, a/k/a "H," HENRY FRANKLIN, a/k/a "BT," and MALIK SAUNDERS, a/k/a "Man"	Maximum: Life in prison Mandatory minimum: 10 years in prison
Three	Conspiracy to distribute over 50 grams of crack cocaine	RASHEEM LEE, a/k/a "Godson," JOHN SUTTON, a/k/a "J-Black," RAHEAM STEED, a/k/a "Heeni," and WAJEEH BAKER	Maximum: Life in prison Mandatory minimum: 10 years in prison
Four	Conspiracy to distribute over 5 grams of crack cocaine	ALLAHVELL CUTTS, a/k/a "Vell," and CALEB HOOKER, a/k/a "Kahleaf"	Maximum: 40 years in prison Mandatory minimum: 5 years in prison
Five	Sale of cocaine to an undercover officer	HARRISON BROWN, a/k/a "H," and HENRY FRANKLIN, a/k/a "BT"	Maximum: 20 years in prison

Count	Charge	Defendants	Potential Prison Terms
Six	Sale of over 50 grams of crack cocaine to an undercover officer	HARRISON BROWN, a/k/a "H," and HENRY FRANKLIN, a/k/a "BT"	Maximum: Life in prison Mandatory minimum: 10 years in prison
Seven - Ten	Sale of over 5 grams of crack cocaine to an undercover officer	MALIK SAUNDERS, a/k/a "Man"	Maximum: 40 years in prison Mandatory minimum: 5 years in prison
Eleven	Sale of over 5 grams of crack cocaine to an undercover officer	JOHN SUTTON, a/k/a "J-Black"	Maximum: 40 years in prison Mandatory minimum: 5 years in prison
Twelve	Sale of over 5 grams of crack cocaine to an undercover officer	RASHEEM LEE, a/k/a "Godson"	Maximum: 40 years in prison Mandatory minimum: 5 years in prison
Thirteen	Sale of over 50 grams of crack cocaine to an undercover officer	WAJEEH BAKER	Maximum: Life in prison Mandatory minimum: 10 years in prison
Fourteen	Sale of over 5 grams of crack cocaine to an undercover officer	RAHEAM STEED, a/k/a "Heeni," and RASHEEM LEE, a/k/a "Godson"	Maximum: 40 years in prison Mandatory minimum: 5 years in prison

Count	Charge	Defendants	Potential Prison Terms
Fifteen - Sixteen	Sale of over 5 grams of crack cocaine to an undercover officer	RAHEAM STEED, a/k/a "Heeni"	Maximum: 40 years in prison Mandatory minimum: 5 years in prison
Seventeen	Sale of over 5 grams of crack cocaine to an undercover officer	ALLAHVELL CUTTS, a/k/a "Vell," and CALEB HOOKER, a/k/a "Kahleaf"	Maximum: 40 years in prison Mandatory minimum: 5 years in prison

BROWN, CUTTS, SAUNDERS, and LEE are expected to be arraigned later today before a United States Magistrate Judge in Manhattan federal court.

Mr. DASSIN praised the investigative work of the NYPD, ATF, and DEA, and thanked the New York State Division of Parole and the United States Marshals Service for their invaluable assistance in this case.

Assistant United States Attorneys MARISSA MOLÉ, HOWARD MASTER, and JESSICA MASELLA are in charge of the prosecution.

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

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