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**POLICE OFFICER FOUND GUILTY IN MANHATTAN FEDERAL COURT  
OF PARTICIPATING IN DRUG ROBBERY CONSPIRACY**

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 ("NYPD"), and JOHN P. MELVILLE, the Acting Superintendent of the New York State Police ("NYSP"), announced that New York City police officer MIGUEL BURGOS was found guilty yesterday by a federal jury of conspiring to rob suspected drug dealers in New York City.

According to the evidence presented at a five-day trial before U.S. District Judge SIDNEY H. STEIN:

In late February 2008, BURGOS purchased a hydra ram II hydraulic pump (the "Pump") that is used by law enforcement and firefighters to break down doors in emergency situations. BURGOS purchased the pump for an individual who was the leader of a violent robbery crew (the "Crew") that committed hundreds of home invasion robberies of suspected drug dealers from 2001 through 2008. The Pump, which cost nearly \$2,000, was used by the robbery crew to commit nearly a dozen robberies and burglaries of drug dealers, suspected drug dealers, and the locations in which they stored their drugs and drug proceeds from the time it was received by the robbery crew in March 2008 until the time law enforcement recovered the Pump from inside one of the crew member's homes on November 5, 2008. BURGOS also gave the Crew a police scanner in 2008.

BURGOS grew up with one of the members of the Crew, and at one point even worked with him at Teacher's College in the Bronx. Eventually, BURGOS's friend started committing robberies, and subsequently profited by making over \$1 million committing robberies between 2001 and 2008. With the profits from the robberies, members of the Crew bought dozens of luxury vehicles,

including BMWs, Mercedes Benzes, Porsches, and Lexuses, as well as numerous properties in the Dominican Republic.

BURGOS, who became a police officer on July 9, 2004, knew what the Crew did to make money, and was even asked at one time whether he wanted to commit robberies with the Crew. Although BURGOS declined the invitation to commit robberies, the evidence established that he readily agreed to help the Crew by purchasing the Pump in February 2008, and later gave the Crew a police scanner for their use.

Sentencing is scheduled for January 14, 2011 at 3:00p.m. before Judge STEIN.

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

The case is being handled by the Office's Violent Crimes Unit. Assistant U.S. Attorneys JESSICA ORTIZ and TODD BLANCHE are in charge of the prosecution.

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