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BUFFALO MAN INDICTED ON DRUG CHARGES

BUFFALO, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that a federal grand jury has returned an Indictment charging Alejandro Navarro-Gonzalez, aka "Matatan", 30, of Buffalo, N.Y., with possession with intent to distribute one kilogram or more of heroin. The charge carries a minimum penalty of 20 years in prison, a maximum of life, a fine of \$20,000,000 or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Mary Catherine Baumgarten, who is handling the case, stated that the defendant was arrested on March 14, 2012 after Special Agents with the Drug Enforcement Administration conducted a search of a storage unit rented by Navarro-Gonzalez. Agents seized heroin, a loaded firearm, ammunition, and drug paraphernalia.

Navarro-Gonzalez was arraigned before U.S. Magistrate Judge H. Kenneth Schroeder, Jr. this afternoon. He pleaded not guilty and is being detained. The defendant is scheduled to return to court August 8, 2012.

The Indictment is the result of an investigation by Special Agents and Task Force Officers of the Drug Enforcement Administration, under the direction of Wilbert L. Plummer, Acting Special Agent in Charge, New York Field Division

The fact that a defendant has been charged with a crime is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.