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ADDITIONAL CHARGES FILED AGAINST CALIFORNIA WOMAN FOR TRANSPORTING MARIJUANA TO OHIO ABOARD PRIVATE JET

Five others charged; 14 trips alleged

COLUMBUS – A federal grand jury here has returned a superseding indictment charging that Lisette Lee, 28, of Los Angeles, California and five other California residents made 14 trips transporting marijuana between Los Angeles and Ohio between November 2009.

Carter M. Stewart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, and Anthony Marotta, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Columbus, announced the superseding indictment returned on September 16, 2010 and unsealed today following the arrests of California defendants.

Lee is charged in the superseding indictment with one count of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute 1,000 kilograms or more of marijuana and 12 counts of possession with intent to distribute more than 100 kilograms of marijuana. In addition to Lee, the indictment charges:

- * David C. Garrett, 28, Culver City, California with conspiracy and two counts of possession with intent to distribute more than 100 kilograms of marijuana.
- * Ko Young, 36, Winnetka, California with conspiracy and five counts of possession with intent to distribute more than 100 kilograms of marijuana.
- * Christopher R. Cash, 32, Los Angeles with conspiracy and two counts of possession with intent to distribute more than 100 kilograms of marijuana.
- * Frank S. Edwards, 39, Hacienda, California with conspiracy and 13 counts of possession with intent to distribute more than 100 kilograms of marijuana.
- * Henry A. Hernandez, 24, Los Angeles with conspiracy and 12 counts of possession with intent to distribute more than 100 kilograms of marijuana.

DEA agents arrested Lee on June 14, 2010 after she landed at Port Columbus International Airport on a private jet chartered to fly them from Van Nuys, California. Agents found 23 bales of marijuana weighing approximately 229.9 kilograms/505.78 pounds of marijuana in 13 large suitcases that had been offloaded from the private plane carrying Lee.

Conspiracy to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute 1,000 kilograms or more of marijuana is punishable by at least ten years and up to life imprisonment and carries a potential fine of \$2 million. Possession with intent to distribute more than 100 kilograms of marijuana is punishable by at least five and up to 40 years imprisonment.

Lee has been in custody since her arrest. DEA agents arrested Young and Edwards today in California. Following court appearances there, they will be transported to Columbus for hearings

in U.S. District Court. Garrett is at large. Cash and Hernandez have been issued summonses to appear in court in Columbus.

Stewart commended the DEA agents who are conducting the ongoing investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy Prichard, who is prosecuting the case.

An indictment is merely an accusation. Defendants should be presumed innocent unless convicted in court.

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