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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan and Northampton County District Attorney John M. Morganelli today announced the filing of an indictment charging James Garcia of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, with possession with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841. The indictment charges that on or about July 26, 2007, in Bethlehem, PA, the defendant possessed 722 grams of cocaine that was intended for distribution. This case was investigated by the Allentown office of the Drug Enforcement Administration and detectives from the Bethlehem Police Department. Special Assistant United States Attorney Robert Eyer has been assigned to prosecute this matter.¹

This case is part of the “222 Corridor Anti-Gang Initiative,” a federally funded program designed to defeat some of the most violent and pervasive gangs in the country. The “222 Corridor” includes the cities of Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, Reading, Lancaster, York, and Harrisburg. This initiative combines federal, state, and local law enforcement resources to attack gang crime and violence throughout the corridor.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
James Garcia	Bethlehem, PA	37 years old

If convicted of this offense, Garcia faces a statutory maximum of up to forty years of imprisonment with a mandatory minimum of five years imprisonment, a mandatory minimum of four years supervised release, up to lifetime supervised release, a fine of up to \$2 million, and a \$100 special assessment.

¹ An indictment or information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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