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**U.S. ATTORNEY ANNOUNCES INDICTMENTS IN MAJOR DRUG
AND WITNESS MURDER CASE**

PHILADELPHIA – United States Attorney Pat Meehan today announced the filing of an indictment¹ against nine members of the Phillips Cocaine Organization (“PCO”), a multi-state, multimillion dollar cocaine distribution organization which distributed cocaine throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. Maurice Phillips, the kingpin of the organization, is charged with conspiracy to use interstate commerce facilities in the commission of murder-for-hire; use of interstate commerce facilities in the commission of murder-for-hire; conspiracy to distribute cocaine; engaging in a continuing criminal enterprise; conspiracy to commit money laundering; concealment of money laundering; tampering with a witness by murder; and aiding and abetting. Eight other defendants are charged with conspiracy to distribute cocaine and other offenses.

According to the indictment, from 1998 through 2007, the PCO was trafficking multi-kilogram quantities of cocaine from Texas to the eastern seaboard via tractor-trailer and other vehicles. The PCO employed Chineta Glanville to help them launder their drug proceeds. The organization’s leaders spent the proceeds on lavish lifestyles that included expensive homes and high-end automobiles.

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

According to the indictment, the drug operation was distributing thousands of kilograms of cocaine. The wholesale value of the distribution was at least \$31,000,000. The indictment alleges that Ramon Alvear, based in Texas, was a major supplier to the PCO, obtaining thousands of kilos of cocaine from his drug sources in Mexico. The drugs were then spread across the suburbs and cities of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland.

In June of 2002, Maurice Phillips allegedly hired B.P., charged elsewhere, to kill Chineta Glanville at her house in Wyndmoor, PA. Phillips ordered this murder because he learned that Ms. Glanville was providing information about his organization's illegal activities to Federal authorities. On June 25, 2002, B.P. , at Maurice Phillips' behest, went to Chineta Glanville's home and shot and killed her and her godson, Dane King.

The PCO continued to distribute cocaine even after the murder of Chineta Glanville. After Glanvilles' death, Phillips and Cunningham continued to acquire valuable real estate holdings and luxury vehicles and lead lavish life styles by laundering their cash drug proceeds in similar fashion.

“Maurice Phillips' alleged reign as a murderous drug dealer ends here”, said Meehan. “All the charged participants in the conspiracy to distribute cocaine face a minimum mandatory of at least 10 years in prison and a maximum sentence of life in prison. Phillips also faces a mandatory minimum sentence of life imprisonment and a maximum possible sentence of death for the murders of Chineta Glanville and Dane King. The message to criminals should be clear – if you engage in drug trafficking you will face serious penalties. If you attempt to shield your crimes by threatening or harming a federal witness, you will face even greater punishment.”

“This investigation illustrates how far the FBI and our law enforcement partners will go to protect the public from people like Phillips and Chanell Cunningham who value material things more than life”, said Jayne Challman, Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Philadelphia Division.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT(S)

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
MAURICE PHILLIPS	Upper Marlboro, MD	36
CHANELL CUNNINGHAM	Wellington, FL Philadelphia, PA Newark, DE	34
MARK HARRIS	Washington, DC	42
RAMON ALVEAR	In Federal Custody, TX	34
DAVID GARCIA	In Federal Custody, KS	33
SAMUEL McQUEEN	Newark, NJ	68
THEOPHUS ORR	De Soto, TX	58
MARCO CAMACHO	Trappe, MD	40
TYRECE LAWRENCE	Philadelphia, PA Woodbury, NJ	32

INFORMATION REGARDING THE CHARGES

Defendant	Violations
MAURICE PHILLIPS	Conspiracy to distribute cocaine - 1 count Engaging in continuing criminal enterprise - 1 count Conspiracy to commit money laundering – 1 count Concealment money laundering - 2 counts Conspiracy to use of interstate commerce facilities in the commission of murder-for-hire – 1 count Use of interstate commerce facilities in the commission of murder-for-hire – 1 count Murder, tampering with a witness, victim, or an informant – 1 count Aiding and abetting
CHANELL CUNNINGHAM	Conspiracy to distribute cocaine– 1 count Conspiracy to commit money laundering – 1 count Concealment money laundering - 6 counts Transactional money laundering – 2 counts Aiding and abetting
MARK HARRIS	Conspiracy to distribute cocaine – 1 count
RAMON ALVEAR a/k/a “Little Ray”	Conspiracy to distribute cocaine – 1 count
DAVID GARCIA a/k/a “Twenty”	Conspiracy to distribute cocaine – 1 count
SAMUEL MCQUEEN a/k/a “Grandpop” a/k/a “Old Dude”	Conspiracy to distribute cocaine – 1 count
THEOPHUS ORRS	Conspiracy to distribute cocaine – 1 count
MARCO CAMACHO	Conspiracy to distribute cocaine – 1 count
TYRECE LAWRENCE	Conspiracy to distribute cocaine – 1 count

This case was investigated by Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Internal Revenue Service with assistance from the New Jersey United States Attorney's Office, United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Drug Enforcement Administration - Dallas and Baltimore Offices, Montgomery County District Attorney's Office, Gloucester Township Police Department (NJ), Washington Township Police Department (NJ), Springfield Twp Police Department (PA), Springfield Police Department (Union County, NJ), Union County Sheriff's Office, Philadelphia Police Department, Philadelphia/Camden HIDTA, Social Security Administration - OIG, U.S. Department of State, Maryland State Police Department, New Castle County Police Department (DE), Roselle Police Department (NJ). This case has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorneys L.C. Wright, James Pavlock and Joseph Minni, and Special Assistant United States Attorney Bradford Geyer.

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