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**NEWS RELEASE**

Acting United States Attorney Laurie Magid today announced the filing of a two-count indictment<sup>1</sup> charging DINOEL RODRIGUEZ-NUNEZ, HIRAM COIRA-SOTO, and DOMINGO MERCADO with possession with intent to distribute over 100 grams or more of heroin within 1000 feet of the John B. Stetson Middle School which is located at 3200 B. Street. The indictment charges that the defendants possessed for distribution approximately 230 grams of heroin within 1000 feet of the school. These acts were in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) and 21 USC § 860(a).

If convicted of both charges, the defendants face a maximum possible sentence of 80 years in prison, with a mandatory minimum of five years, up to a lifetime of supervised release, a 6,000,000 fine and a \$200 special assessment.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
Dinoel Rodriguez -Nunez	Philadelphia, PA	44 years old
Hiram Coira-Soto	Philadelphia, PA	42 years old
Domingo Mercado	Philadelphia, PA	55 years old

The case was investigated by the Philadelphia Field Division of the DEA, and the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office Dangerous Drug Offender's Unit and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Maureen McCartney.

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<sup>1</sup>An Indictment is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.