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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Michael L. Levy today announced the unsealing of an indictment¹, filed yesterday, charging William Caraballo, Joseph DeJesus, Steven Berti, Joseph Capparella, Dana Coppertino, David Duncan, Karen Fedrick, Wayne Henderson, Edward Kranicki, Gloria Richards, and Nestor Torres with conspiracy to distribute 5 kilograms or more of cocaine. The charges stem from the defendants' participation in a large-scale drug distribution enterprise that sold cocaine from locations in and around South Philadelphia.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
William Caraballo	Philadelphia, PA	40 years old
Joseph DeJesus	Philadelphia, PA	50 years old
Steven Berti	Philadelphia, PA	38 years old
Joseph Capparella	Philadelphia, PA	32 years old
Dana Coppertino	Philadelphia, PA	36 years old
David Duncan	Philadelphia, PA	40 years old
Karen Fedrick	Philadelphia, PA	35 years old
Wayne Henderson	Philadelphia, PA	41 years old
Edward Kranicki	Philadelphia, PA	47 years old
Gloria Richards	Philadelphia, PA	48 years old
Nestor Torres	Philadelphia, PA	45 years old

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

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If convicted, defendants Caraballo, Berti, Coppertino, Duncan, Fedrick, Kranicki, Richards, and Torres face a maximum possible sentence of life imprisonment with a mandatory minimum of 10 years imprisonment, lifetime supervised release with a mandatory minimum of 5 years supervised release, a maximum fine of \$4,000,000, and a \$100 special assessment. Defendants Henderson and Capparella face a maximum sentence of life imprisonment with a mandatory minimum sentence of 20 years imprisonment, lifetime supervised release with a mandatory minimum of 10 years supervised release, a maximum fine of \$8,000,000, and a \$100 special assessment. Defendant DeJesus faces a mandatory sentence of life imprisonment, a maximum fine of \$8,000,000, and a \$100 special assessment.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General's Bureau of Narcotics Investigation and Drug Control, and the Philadelphia Police Department, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Kathy A. Stark, Leo R. Tsao, and Michael J. Fischer.

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