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NEWS RELEASE

A seven-count indictment¹ was filed today charging Alberto Leon and Arlene Hernandez-Perez with conspiracy to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute cocaine base (“crack”), distribution of cocaine base (“crack”), possession with the intent to distribute cocaine base, and possession of firearms in furtherance of a drug trafficking offense, and Alberto Leon for being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm, announced United States Attorney Zane David Memeger and Berks County District Attorney John T. Adams. The indictment alleges that between in or about January 2010, to on or about February 3, 2010, in Reading, the defendants sold cocaine base (“crack”) to a confidential witness (CW) and possessed over five grams of cocaine base (“crack”), which they intended to distribute, and two handguns in furtherance of a conspiracy to distribute cocaine base (“crack”).

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
Alberto Leon	Reading, PA	29
Arlene Hernandez-Perez	Reading, PA	28

If convicted, the defendants face a maximum possible sentence of life imprisonment, a mandatory-minimum of ten-years imprisonment, a mandatory-minimum of four-years up to lifetime supervised release, a \$7,250,000 fine, and a \$700 special assessment.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, Explosives (ATF), the Berks County District Attorney’s Office, and the Reading Police Department. The case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant United States Attorney Jonathan H. Kurland and Assistant United States Attorney Thomas M. Zaleski.

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

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