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**NEWS RELEASE**

A ten-count superseding indictment<sup>1</sup> was unsealed today charging nine defendants for their involvement in a large-scale cocaine trafficking conspiracy that spanned from Philadelphia to York, Pennsylvania, announced United States Attorney Michael L. Levy . The indictment alleges that from August 2009 through March 2010, Miguel Munoz supplied kilogram quantities of cocaine to Jossue Ramirez-Laracuate, who, with the help of Aaron Johnson and Michael Solomon, and distributed this cocaine to their customers in Philadelphia and York, including Mark Benzenhafer and Huascar Montilla-Reyes.

This superseding indictment, along with the eight-count indictment unsealed in United States v. Benzenhafer, is the product of a lengthy investigation during which law enforcement has seized over 10 kilograms of cocaine, \$750,000 in cash, and numerous vehicles.

**INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS**

| NAME                     | ADDRESS          | AGE |
|--------------------------|------------------|-----|
| Jossue Ramirez-Laracuate | Philadelphia, PA | 23  |
| Aaron Johnson            | Philadelphia, PA | 27  |
| Miguel Munoz             | Philadelphia, PA | 30  |
| Huascar Montilla-Reyes   | York, PA         | 26  |
| Johanne Santana          | York, PA         | 33  |
| Michael Solomon          | Philadelphia, PA | 29  |
| Hector Torres            | Camden, NJ       | 32  |

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

| NAME            | ADDRESS          | AGE |
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| Nicholas Fatiga | Philadelphia, PA | 30  |

Each of the defendants faces a maximum sentence of life imprisonment, a mandatory minimum sentence of ten years imprisonment, a minimum of five years supervised release up to lifetime supervised release, and a substantial fine.

The case has been investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration, Bensalem Police Department, Bristol Township Police, the Philadelphia Police Department, and the Pennsylvania State Police. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David L. Axelrod.

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