



NEWS RELEASE

Marcos Castillo was charged today in a six-count Indictment<sup>1</sup> charging him with three counts of distribution of heroin and three counts of distribution of heroin within a school zone, committed on January 15, January 25 and February 3, 2010 announced United States Attorney Michael L. Levy.

This investigation and prosecution is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, a joint initiative by the United States Attorney’s Office, each of the nine District Attorney’s Offices in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the Pennsylvania State Police, and other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, to identify and prosecute dangerous firearms offenders in federal court, where the defendants are likely to receive substantial sentences upon conviction.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

| NAME            | ADDRESS          | AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH |
|-----------------|------------------|----------------------|
| MARCOS CASTILLO | Philadelphia, PA | 23 years old         |

If convicted the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of life imprisonment, a mandatory minimum 3 years imprisonment, a mandatory minimum of three years up to lifetime supervised release, and an \$8,000,000 fine.

The case was investigated by the Philadelphia Police Department, the Philadelphia District Attorney’s Office, the Pennsylvania State Police, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and is being prosecuted by Special Assistant United States Attorney Joseph Whitehead.

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

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