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NEWS RELEASE

Nieves Mariano and Felix Patino were charged today by Indictment<sup>1</sup> with conspiracy to make, pass and deal in counterfeit Federal Reserve Notes, as well as dealing in and possessing counterfeit Federal Reserve Notes, announced United States Attorney Michael L. Levy.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR YEAR OF BIRTH
Nieves Mariano	Bethlehem/Honduras	1978
Felix Patino	Allentown	1980

If convicted the defendant Nieves Mariano faces a maximum possible sentence of 125 years incarceration, a \$1,750,000 fine, 3 years supervised release and a \$700 special assessment.

If convicted defendant Felix Patino faces a maximum possible sentence of 85 years incarceration, a \$1,250,000 fine, 3 years supervised release and a \$500 special assessment.

The case was investigated by the United States Secret Service and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Sherri A. Stephan.

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

