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SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT CHARGES SIX ADDITIONAL DEFENDANTS AND ADDS CHARGES AGAINST AGAINST TWO ORIGINAL DEFENDANTS

PHILADELPHIA - A superseding indictment¹ was unsealed today in the case of U.S. v. Bellvin Smith, et al, adding four defendants to the conspiracy to distribute 5 kilograms or more of cocaine and 280 grams or more of crack cocaine charge and adding money laundering and gun charges against Smith. The original indictment was returned on December 1, 2010; the superseding indictment was returned on July 27, 2011.

Smith was the alleged leader of a drug trafficking operation centered in Southwest Philadelphia. According to the indictment, between January 2009 and June 2010, Smith obtained kilos of cocaine from California in order to supply customers in Philadelphia with cocaine and crack cocaine. Smith and nine co-defendants are charged with conspiracy to distribute 5 kilograms or more of cocaine and 50 grams or more of crack. Smith also allegedly distributed crack cocaine to a customer with assistance, on two occasions, of co-defendant Edwin Pagan, Jr. The superseding indictment further alleges that Smith and four co-defendants attempted to possess with the intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine.

Charged in the drug conspiracy with Smith are Zachary Chambers, Robert Sills, Edwin Pagan, Jr., Ishanell Dean, Aaron Coggins, Ahnye Murphy, Tymin Lundy, Darnell Lewis, and Tenisha Cortes. Chambers, Sills, Pagan and Murphy are also named in the attempted possession charge.

Charged separately with being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm and body armor is Umiko Webb. Kevin Brooks is charged with possession with the intent to distribute crack.

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

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	YEAR OF BIRTH	CHARGES
Bellvin Smith	Philadelphia, PA	1978	one count conspiracy to distribute >5 kg cocaine & >280 g crack; one count attempted poss with intent to distribute >500 g cocaine; three counts distribution of >28 g crack; one count of distribution of crack; one count of money laundering; one count of being a convicted felon in poss of a firearm
Zachary Chambers	Philadelphia, PA	1988	one count conspiracy to distribute >5 kg cocaine & >280 g crack; one count attempted poss with intent to distribute >500 g cocaine
Robert Sills	New Castle, DE	1975	one count conspiracy to distribute >5 kg cocaine & >280 g crack; one count attempted poss with intent to distribute >500 g cocaine;
Edwin Pagan, Jr.	Philadelphia, PA	1986	one count conspiracy to distribute >5 kg cocaine & >280 g crack; one count attempted poss with intent to distribute >500 g cocaine

Ishanell Dean	Glenolden, PA	1982	one count conspiracy to distribute >5 kg cocaine & >280 g crack
Aaron Coggins	Las Vegas, NV	1984	one count conspiracy to distribute >5 kg cocaine & >280 g crack
Ahyne Murphy	Philadelphia, PA	1984	one count conspiracy to distribute >5 kg cocaine & >280 g crack; one count attempted poss with intent to distribute >500 g cocaine
Tymin Lundy	Philadelphia, PA	1977	one count conspiracy to distribute >5 kg cocaine & >280 g crack
Darnell Lewis	Philadelphia, PA	1988	one count conspiracy to distribute >5 kg cocaine & >280 g crack
Tenisha Cortes	Philadelphia, PA	1988	one count conspiracy to distribute >5 kg cocaine & >280 g crack
Umiko Webb	Philadelphia, PA	1976	one count of convicted felon in poss of a firearm; one count of convicted felon in poss of body armor
Kevin Brooks	Bethlehem, PA	1965	one count poss with intent to distribute crack

If convicted of all charges: Smith, Chambers, Pagan, Dean, Coggins, Murphy, and Cortes face mandatory minimum sentences of 10 years in prison with a maximum possible sentence of life; Sills and Lewis face a mandatory minimum sentence of 20 years in prison with a maximum possible sentence of life; Lundy faces a mandatory minimum sentence of life in prison; Webb faces a maximum possible sentence of 13 years; and Brooks faces a maximum possible sentence of 30 years.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Tomika N. Stevens.

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