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**ADDITIONAL CHARGES FILED AGAINST
FORMER PHILADELPHIA POLICE INSPECTOR**

PHILADELPHIA - Carlo Daniel Castro and William Wong were charged today in a superseding indictment¹ with additional offenses related to an extortion scheme carried out by the defendants, announced United States Attorney Zane David Memeger. Defendant Castro was previously charged, in an earlier indictment, with carrying out an extortion scheme, whereby Castro hired a "Collector" to use violence, and threats of violence, to collect a \$150,000 debt supposedly owed to him by a former business partner. The Collector was actually an undercover agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The superseding indictment charges Castro and Wong with one count of conspiracy to interfere with interstate commerce by extortion, and one count of attempted extortionate collection of credit.

According to the superseding indictment, Castro referred the collection services of the Collector to defendant Wong and co-conspirator Alan Kats, who is charged separately. Kats was supposedly owed a \$36,000 debt by a former business associate, and Wong and Kats hired the Collector to use violence, and threats of violence, to collect the debt. In addition, Castro and Wong attempted to refer the Collector to a second debt collection job in Florida to collect a debt of \$1.5 million. Castro later accepted a \$500 fee from the Collector for referring the Collector to Wong and Kats.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR YEAR OF BIRTH
Carlo Daniel Castro	Philadelphia	1963
William Wong	Philadelphia	1960

If convicted of all charges, defendant Castro faces a maximum possible sentence of 120 years imprisonment, a \$2.5 million fine, three years of supervised release, and a \$1,000 special assessment. Defendant Wong faces a maximum possible sentence of 40 years imprisonment, a \$500,000 fine, three years of supervised release, and a \$200 special assessment.

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

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Leo R. Tsao.

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