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NEWS RELEASE

German Zambrano-Madrigo and Jesse Rivera were charged today in a three-count indictment¹ with distributing heroin, and possessing with the intent to distribute heroin, announced United States Attorney Zane David Memeger and Berks County District Attorney John T. Adams. The indictment alleges that on April 22 and 26, 2010, in Shillington, Pennsylvania, the defendants distributed heroin, and that on April 26, 2010, the defendants possessed over one kilogram of heroin, that is approximately 1,400 grams, which they intended to distribute.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
German Zambrano-Madrigo, a/k/a "Baltazar Jimenez-Murillo"	Unknown	27
Jesse Rivera	Shillington, Pennsylvania	39

If convicted, the defendants face a maximum possible sentence of life imprisonment, a mandatory-minimum of ten years imprisonment, a mandatory-minimum of five years up to lifetime supervised release, a \$12,000,000 fine, and a \$300 special assessment.

The case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the Berks County District Attorney's Office, and the Reading Police Department. The case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant United States Attorney Jonathan H. Kurland and Assistant United States Attorney Thomas M. Zaleski.

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

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