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## NEWS RELEASE

Today, Gustavo Morales-Ortiz, a/k/a "Gustavo Morales," was charged in a four-count indictment¹ with drugs and weapons offenses, announced United States Attorney Zane David Memeger. The indictment charges Morales-Ortiz with one count of possession with intent to distribute more than 50 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, possession with intent to distribute cocaine, possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, and possession of a firearm by an illegal alien, on November 5, 2010.

## INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

| NAME                  | ADDRESS               | AGE |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----|
| Gustavo Morales-Ortiz | Reading, Pennsylvania | 51  |

If convicted the defendant faces a statutory maximum sentence of life imprisonment, with a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years' imprisonment, three years up to lifetime supervised release, and a \$3.5 million fine.

The case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations and the Berks County Narcotics Task Force. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Sozi P. Tulante.

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