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## NEWS RELEASE

Israel Ramos, Hector Lopez, and Natividad Cordero, were charged today by superseding indictment<sup>1</sup> with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute 100 grams or more of heroin, possession with intent to distribute 100 grams or more of heroin, and distribution of heroin, announced United States Attorney Zane David Memeger.

## INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR YEAR OF BIRTH
Israel Ramos, a/k/a Carlos Casada	Philadelphia	41
Hector Lopez, a/k/a Martin Cruz-Rodriguez	Philadelphia	29
Natividad Cordero	Philadelphia	19

If convicted, the defendants face a maximum possible sentence of 120 years imprisonment, a lifetime of supervised release, and a \$6 million fine.

The case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Karen L. Grigsby.

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