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NEWS RELEASE

Fresa Pichardo, Samuel Diaz-Rivera, and Bannessa Aybar-Caimares were charged today by Indictment<sup>1</sup> with conspiracy and attempted possession with intent to distribute approximately eight kilograms of cocaine, announced United States Attorney Zane David Memeger.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR YEAR OF BIRTH
Fresa Pichardo	Clifton Heights, PA	41 years old
Samuel Diaz-Rivera	Elizabeth, NJ	30 years old
Bannessa Aybar-Caimares	Elizabeth, NJ	25 years old

If convicted the defendants face a mandatory minimum of ten years in prison up to life, a fine of up to \$8 million, at least five years supervised release, and a \$200 special assessment.

The case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Elizabeth (NJ) Police Department. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Anita Eve.

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