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## **THREE BUFFALO MEN INDICTED FOR FEDERAL DRUG CHARGES**

BUFFALO, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that a federal grand jury in Buffalo has returned an 11-count Indictment charging Pascual Navarro-Gonzalez, 29, Erick Joel Reyes-Barretto, 27, and Juan Montanez, 46, all of Buffalo, N.Y., with multiple narcotics trafficking charges.

The charges include conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine, maintaining a premises for the purpose of manufacturing, distributing and using controlled substances, possession with intent to distribute, and distribution of heroin, attempt to possess with intent to distribute cocaine, possession with intent to distribute heroin, and possession with intent to distribute cocaine.

The charges carry a mandatory minimum penalty of five years in prison, a maximum of 40 years, a fine of \$5,000,000 or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Mary Catherine Baumgarten, who is handling the case, stated that the defendants were arrested on March 6, 2012 after Special Agents with the Drug Enforcement Administration, executed a search warrant at a residence in the City of Buffalo. During the search, agents seized heroin, cocaine, ammunition, and drug paraphernalia.

The Indictment is the culmination of an investigation by Special Agents and Task Force Officers of the Drug Enforcement Administration, under the direction of Wilbert L. Plummer, Acting Special Agent in Charge, New York Field Division.

The fact that a defendant has been charged with a crime is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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