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MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
TAMPA DIVISION

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TAMPA, FLORIDA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

CASE NO. 8:20-cr-255-T-60 AEP

21 U.S.C. § 846

21 U.S.C. § 841

WILLIAM FRANQUI, a/k/a "Gordo,"  
MARIE RODRIGUEZ,  
KEVIN DARNELL DIAZ TIRADO,  
EDGARDO COLON ROSADO,  
JOSE MIRIEL MORALES SANCHEZ, and  
ORLANDO MUNIZ ESCALERA

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**INDICTMENT**

The Grand Jury charges:

**COUNT ONE**

Beginning on an unknown date, but not later than on or about  
September 1, 2017, and continuing through on or about the date of the  
indictment, in the Middle District of Florida, and elsewhere, the defendants,

WILLIAM FRANQUI, a/k/a "Gordo,"  
MARIE RODRIGUEZ,  
KEVIN DARNELL DIAZ TIRADO,  
EDGARDO COLON ROSADO,  
JOSE MIRIEL MORALES SANCHEZ, and  
ORLANDO MUNIZ ESCALERA,

did knowingly and willfully conspire with each other and other persons, both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to distribute and possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance.

The violation involved one kilogram or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of heroin, a Schedule I controlled substance, and a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of fentanyl, a Schedule II controlled substance.

It was part of the conspiracy that the conspirators would perform acts and make statements to hide and conceal and cause to be hidden and concealed the purpose of the conspiracy and the acts committed in furtherance thereof.

All in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 846 and 841(b)(1)(A).

### **COUNT TWO**

On or about December 9, 2017, in the Middle District of Florida, the defendant,

WILLIAM FRANQUI, a/k/a “Gordo,”

did knowingly and intentionally distribute a controlled substance. The violation involved a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of heroin, a Schedule I controlled substance, and a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of fentanyl, a Schedule II controlled

substance, and D.H.'s serious bodily injury resulted from the use of the heroin and fentanyl that WILLIAM FRANQUI, a/k/a "Gordo" distributed.

In violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C), and 18 U.S.C. § 2.

**COUNT THREE**

On or about March 12, 2020, in the Middle District of Florida, the defendant,

KEVIN DARNELL DIAZ TIRADO,

did knowingly and intentionally distribute a controlled substance, which violation involved a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of heroin, a Schedule I controlled substance.

In violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C).

**COUNT FOUR**

On or about June 4, 2020, in the Middle District of Florida, the defendant,

KEVIN DARNELL DIAZ TIRADO,

did knowingly and intentionally distribute a controlled substance, which violation involved a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of heroin, a Schedule I controlled substance.

In violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C).

**COUNT FIVE**

On or about June 5, 2020, in the Middle District of Florida, the defendant,

EDGARDO COLON ROSADO,

did knowingly and intentionally distribute a controlled substance, which violation involved a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of heroin, a Schedule I controlled substance.

In violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C).

**COUNT SIX**

On or about June 17, 2020, in the Middle District of Florida, the defendants,

WILLIAM FRANQUI, a/k/a "Gordo," and  
MARIE RODRIGUEZ,

aiding and abetting each other, did knowingly and intentionally distribute a controlled substance, which violation involved a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of heroin, a Schedule I controlled substance.

In violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C), and 18 U.S.C. § 2.

**COUNT SEVEN**

On or about June 19, 2020, in the Middle District of Florida, the defendant,

EDGARDO COLON ROSADO,

did knowingly and intentionally distribute a controlled substance, which violation involved a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of heroin, a Schedule I controlled substance.

In violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C).

**COUNT EIGHT**

On or about July 15, 2020, in the Middle District of Florida, the defendants,

WILLIAM FRANQUI, a/k/a “Gordo,” and  
MARIE RODRIGUEZ,

aiding and abetting each other, did knowingly and intentionally distribute a controlled substance, which violation involved a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of heroin, a Schedule I controlled substance.

In violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C), and 18 U.S.C. § 2.

**COUNT NINE**

On or about July 25, 2020, in the Middle District of Florida, the defendant,

ORLANDO MUNIZ ESCALERA,

did knowingly and intentionally distribute a controlled substance, which violation involved a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of heroin, a Schedule I controlled substance.

In violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C).

**COUNT TEN**

On or about August 14, 2020, in the Middle District of Florida, the defendant,

WILLIAM FRANQUI, a/k/a “Gordo,”

did knowingly and intentionally distribute a controlled substance, which violation involved a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of heroin, a Schedule I controlled substance.

In violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C).

**FORFEITURE**

1. The allegations contained in Counts One through Ten are incorporated by reference for the purpose of alleging forfeiture pursuant to the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 853.

2. Upon conviction of a violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841 and/or 846, the defendants shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(a)(1) and (2), any property constituting, or derived from, any proceeds the defendants obtained, directly or indirectly, as a result of such violation, and

any property used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of, such violation.

3. The assets to be forfeited include, but are not limited to, an order of forfeiture in the amount of proceeds obtained from the offenses.

4. If any of the property described above, as a result of any acts or omissions of the defendants:

- a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
- c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;
- d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
- e. has been commingled with other property, which cannot be divided without difficulty,

the United States shall be entitled to forfeiture of substitute property pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(p).


A TRUE BILL,



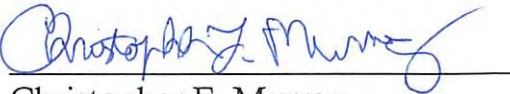
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Violations: 21 U.S.C. §§ 846 and 841

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