UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, **Plaintiff,** **v.** **[1] JOSE MANUEL CLASE-MONTILLA,** **[2] DANCEL LUIS CUEVAS, and** **[3] PEDRO EMMANUEL CARRION-SANCHEZ,** **Defendants.**	**INDICTMENT** **CRIMINAL NO. 26-217(ADC)** **VIOLATIONS:** 21 U.S.C. §§ 952(a), 960(a) & (b)(1)(B)(ii), and 963 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) & (b)(1)(A)(ii), and 846 18 U.S.C. § 2237(a)(l)) 46 U.S.C. § 70503(a)(2) 8 U.S.C. § 1325(a) **(Nine Counts & Forfeiture Allegation)**

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

COUNT ONE
Conspiracy to Import Cocaine
21 U.S.C. §§ 952(a), 960(a) & (b)(1)(B)(ii), and 963

Beginning on a date unknown, but not later than May 15, 2026, up to and until the return of the instant Indictment, in the District of Puerto Rico, elsewhere, and within the jurisdiction of this Court,

[1] JOSE MANUEL CLASE-MONTILLA,
[2] DANCEL LUIS CUEVAS, and
[3] PEDRO EMMANUEL CARRION-SANCHEZ,

the defendants herein, did knowingly and intentionally combine, conspire, confederate, and agree with each other and others, known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to commit an offense against the United States, the that is: to import into the United States from places outside thereof, to include the Dominican Republic, five (5) kilograms or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, a Schedule II narcotic drug controlled Substance. All in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 952(a), 960(a)(1) & (b)(1)(B)(ii), and 963.

<u>**COUNT TWO**</u>
Attempted Importation of Cocaine
21 U.S.C. §§ 952(a), 960(a) & (b)(1)(B)(ii)

On or about May 15, 2026, in the District of Puerto Rico, elsewhere and within the jurisdiction of this Court,

[1] JOSE MANUEL CLASE-MONTILLA,
[2] DANCEL LUIS CUEVAS, and
[3] PEDRO EMMANUEL CARRION-SANCHEZ,

the defendants herein, aiding and abetting each other and other persons known and unknown to the Grand Jury, intentionally and knowingly attempted to import into the United States from places outside thereof, to include the Dominican Republic, five (5) kilograms or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, a Schedule II narcotic drug controlled substance. All in violation 21 U.S.C. §§ 952(a), 960(a), 960(b)(1)(B)(ii), and 18 U.S.C. § 2.

<u>**COUNT THREE**</u>
Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute Cocaine
21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) & (b)(1)(A)(ii), and 846

Beginning on a date unknown, but not later than May 15, 2026, up to and until the return of the instant Indictment, in the District of Puerto Rico, and within the jurisdiction of this Court,

[1] JOSE MANUEL CLASE-MONTILLA,
[2] DANCEL LUIS CUEVAS, and
[3] PEDRO EMMANUEL CARRION-SANCHEZ,

the defendants herein, did knowingly and intentionally combine, conspire, confederate and agree with each other and others, known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to commit an offense against the United States, that is: to possess with intent to distribute and distribute five (5) kilograms or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, a Schedule II Narcotic Drug Controlled Substance. All in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) & (b)(1)(A)(ii), and 846.

COUNT FOUR
Possession with Intent to Distribute Cocaine
21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) & (b)(1)(A)(ii)

On or about May 15, 2026, in the District of Puerto Rico, and within the jurisdiction of this Court,

[1] JOSE MANUEL CLASE-MONTILLA,
[2] DANCEL LUIS CUEVAS, and
[3] PEDRO EMMANUEL CARRION-SANCHEZ,

the defendants herein, aiding and abetting each other and other persons, known and unknown to the Grand Jury, did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute and distribute five (5) kilograms or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, a Schedule II Narcotic Drug Controlled Substance. All in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) & (b)(1)(A)(ii), and 18 U.S.C. § 2.

COUNT FIVE
Failure to Heave
18 U.S.C. § 2237(a)(l))

On or about May 15, 2026, in the District of Puerto Rico and within the jurisdiction of this Court,

[3] PEDRO EMMANUEL CARRION-SANCHEZ,

the defendant herein, while being a master, operator, or person in charge of a vessel subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, did knowingly and unlawfully fail to obey an order by an authorized Federal Law enforcement officer to heave that vessel. All in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2237(a)(1).

COUNT SIX

Jettisoning Property Subject to Forfeiture under 21 U.S.C. § 881(a) from a Vessel Subject to the Jurisdiction of the United States
46 U.S.C. § 70503(a)(2) and 18 U.S.C. § 2

On or about May 15, 2026, in the District of Puerto Rico, elsewhere, and within the jurisdiction of this Court,

[1] JOSE MANUEL CLASE-MONTILLA,
[2] DANCEL LUIS CUEVAS, and
[3] PEDRO EMMANUEL CARRION-SANCHEZ,

the defendants herein, knowingly and intentionally, aided and abetted each other in committing an offense defined in 46 U.S.C. § 70503, specifically: jettisoning bales containing cocaine subject to forfeiture under 21 U.S.C. § 881(a), from a vessel subject to the jurisdiction of the United States. All in violation of 46 U.S.C. § 70503(a)(2) and 18 U.S.C. § 2.

COUNT SEVEN

Improper Entry by Alien
(8 U.S.C. § 1325(a))

On or about May 15, 2026, in the District of Puerto Rico and within the jurisdiction of this Court, the defendant,

[1] JOSE MANUEL CLASE-MONTILLA,

who is an alien, as the term is defined in 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(3), did knowingly and intentionally attempt to enter the United States at a time and place other than as designated by immigration officers. All in violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1325(a).

COUNT EIGHT
Improper Entry by Alien
(8 U.S.C. § 1325(a))

On or about May 15, 2026, in the District of Puerto Rico and within the jurisdiction of this Court, the defendant,

[2] DANCEL LUIS CUEVAS,

who is an alien, as the term is defined in 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(3), did knowingly and intentionally attempt to enter the United States at a time and place other than as designated by immigration officers. All in violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1325(a).

COUNT NINE
Improper Entry by Alien
(8 U.S.C. § 1325(a))

On or about May 15, 2026, in the District of Puerto Rico and within the jurisdiction of this Court, the defendant,

[3] PEDRO EMMANUEL CARRION-SANCHEZ,

who is an alien, as the term is defined in 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(3), did knowingly and intentionally attempt to enter the United States at a time and place other than as designated by immigration officers. All in violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1325(a).

NARCOTICS FORFEITURE ALLEGATION
21 U.S.C. §§ 853 and 970

The allegations contained in Counts One through Four of this Indictment are hereby realleged and incorporated by reference for the purpose of alleging forfeitures pursuant to 21 U.S.C. §§ 853 and 970.

Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. §§ 853 and 970, upon conviction of one or more of the controlled substances alleged in Counts One through Four of this Indictment,

[1] JOSE MANUEL CLASE-MONTILLA,
[2] DANCEL LUIS CUEVAS, and
[3] PEDRO EMMANUEL CARRION-SANCHEZ,

the defendants herein, shall forfeit to the United States of America any property constituting, or derived from, any proceeds obtained, directly or indirectly, as the result of such offenses and any property used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of, such violations.

If any of the property described above, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant:

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 of America shall be entitled to forfeiture of substitute property pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(p) and 970.

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