

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

EDWIN CARRASQUILLO,  
a/k/a "Malo,"  
HECTOR HERNANDEZ,  
a/k/a "Hec,"  
JOSE HERNANDEZ,  
a/k/a "Nene,"  
a/k/a "Little,"  
NATHANIEL MANNING,  
a/k/a "Tio,"  
DAMEL MARCUS,  
a/k/a "Shank,"  
EDUARDO MORENO,  
a/k/a "AR,"  
JASON RIVERA,  
a/k/a "Colombo,"  
JOSUE VARGAS,  
a/k/a "Leo,"  
JUAN KUANG,  
a/k/a "Jo Jo,"  
a/k/a "Jay,"  
a/k/a "Blanco,"  
STEVEN SANTIAGO,  
a/k/a "Swizz,"  
VICTOR MENDENG,  
a/k/a "Cali,"  
DELILAH CARRIEL,  
ROSEMARIE SANCHEZ,  
a/k/a "Rosie,"  
JUAN CALDERON,  
a/k/a "Jazzo,"  
a/k/a "Juanito,"  
CHRISTOPHER MEADOWS, and  
ANGEL VILLAFANE,

Defendants.

SEALED SUPERSEDING  
INDICTMENT

S7 21 Cr. 93 (VM)

**COUNT ONE**  
**(Narcotics Conspiracy)**

The Grand Jury charges:

**Overview of the Valentine Avenue Crew**

1. From at least in or about 2012 through at least in or about February 2024, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, EDWIN CARRASQUILLO, a/k/a “Malo,” HECTOR HERNANDEZ, a/k/a “Hec,” JOSE HERNANDEZ, a/k/a “Nene,” a/k/a “Little,” NATHANIEL MANNING, a/k/a “Tio,” DAMEL MARCUS, a/k/a “Shank,” EDUARDO MORENO, a/k/a “AR,” JASON RIVERA, a/k/a “Colombo,” JOSUE VARGAS, a/k/a “Leo,” JUAN KUANG, a/k/a “Jo Jo,” a/k/a “Jay,” a/k/a “Blanco,” STEVEN SANTIAGO, a/k/a “Swizz,” VICTOR MENDENG, a/k/a “Cali,” DELILAH CARRIEL, ROSEMARIE SANCHEZ, a/k/a “Rosie,” JUAN CALDERON, a/k/a “Jazzo,” a/k/a “Juanito,” CHRISTOPHER MEADOWS, and ANGEL VILLAFANE, the defendants, and others known and unknown, formed an armed drug trafficking organization (the “Valentine Avenue Crew”) that took over the block of Valentine Avenue between East 194th Street and East 196th Street in the Bronx, New York (the “Block”) and its surrounding neighborhood. Working in shifts throughout the day and night, and organized in a clear hierarchal structure, the Valentine Avenue Crew and its members, including the defendants—many of whom were typically armed with firearms and other weapons—distributed fentanyl, heroin, cocaine, and cocaine base, in a form commonly known as “crack.” These narcotics were often manufactured and packaged elsewhere and then delivered to the Block, where members and associates of the Valentine Avenue Crew sold them to a large base of end-user customers. Controlling the sidewalks and street of the Block, as well as the public spaces of multiple buildings along the Block, the Valentine Avenue Crew and its members, including the defendants, operated freely, creating an open market for drugs, in which they extorted payments from customers through violence. For well over a decade, members of the Valentine Avenue Crew

also used violence—including multiple shootings—to compete with rival drug traffickers, and at times within the Valentine Avenue Crew itself, to maintain dominance over the drug trade on the Block.

#### Statutory Allegations

2. From at least in or about 2012 through at least in or about February 2024, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, EDWIN CARRASQUILLO, a/k/a “Malo,” HECTOR HERNANDEZ, a/k/a “Hec,” JOSE HERNANDEZ, a/k/a “Nene,” a/k/a “Little,” NATHANIEL MANNING, a/k/a “Tio,” DAMEL MARCUS, a/k/a “Shank,” EDUARDO MORENO, a/k/a “AR,” JASON RIVERA, a/k/a “Colombo,” JOSUE VARGAS, a/k/a “Leo,” JUAN KUANG, a/k/a “Jo Jo,” a/k/a “Jay,” a/k/a “Blanco,” STEVEN SANTIAGO, a/k/a “Swizz,” VICTOR MENDENG, a/k/a “Cali,” DELILAH CARRIEL, ROSEMARIE SANCHEZ, a/k/a “Rosie,” JUAN CALDERON, a/k/a “Jazzo,” a/k/a “Juanito,” CHRISTOPHER MEADOWS, and ANGEL VILLAFANE, the defendants, and others known and unknown, knowingly and intentionally combined, conspired, confederated, and agreed together and with each other to violate the controlled-substance laws of the United States.

3. It was a part and an object of the conspiracy that EDWIN CARRASQUILLO, a/k/a “Malo,” HECTOR HERNANDEZ, a/k/a “Hec,” JOSE HERNANDEZ, a/k/a “Nene,” a/k/a “Little,” NATHANIEL MANNING, a/k/a “Tio,” DAMEL MARCUS, a/k/a “Shank,” EDUARDO MORENO, a/k/a “AR,” JASON RIVERA, a/k/a “Colombo,” JOSUE VARGAS, a/k/a “Leo,” JUAN KUANG, a/k/a “Jo Jo,” a/k/a “Jay,” a/k/a “Blanco,” STEVEN SANTIAGO, a/k/a “Swizz,” VICTOR MENDENG, a/k/a “Cali,” DELILAH CARRIEL, ROSEMARIE SANCHEZ, a/k/a “Rosie,” JUAN CALDERON, a/k/a “Jazzo,” a/k/a “Juanito,” CHRISTOPHER MEADOWS, and ANGEL VILLAFANE, the defendants, and others known and unknown, would

and did distribute and possess with intent to distribute controlled substances, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1).

4. The controlled substances involved in the offense were (i) 400 grams and more of mixtures and substances containing a detectable amount of fentanyl, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(A), (ii) one kilogram and more of mixtures and substances containing a detectable amount of heroin, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(A), (iii) five kilograms and more of mixtures and substances containing a detectable amount of cocaine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(A), and (iv) 280 grams and more of mixtures and substances containing a detectable amount of cocaine base, in a form commonly known as "crack," in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(A).

(Title 21, United States Code, Section 846.)

**COUNT TWO**  
**(Continuing Criminal Enterprise)**

The Grand Jury further charges:

5. From at least in or about 2012 through at least in or about February 2024, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, EDWIN CARRASQUILLO, a/k/a "Malo," HECTOR HERNANDEZ, a/k/a "Hec," JOSE HERNANDEZ, a/k/a "Nene," a/k/a "Little," NATHANIEL MANNING, a/k/a "Gio," DAMEL MARCUS, a/k/a "Shank," EDUARDO MORENO, a/k/a "AR," JASON RIVERA, a/k/a "Colombo," JOSUE VARGAS, a/k/a "Leo," JUAN KUANG, a/k/a "Jo Jo," a/k/a "Jay," a/k/a "Blanco," and STEVEN SANTIAGO, a/k/a "Swizz," the defendants, and others known and unknown, engaged in a continuing criminal enterprise (the "Continuing Criminal Enterprise," *i.e.*, the Valentine Avenue Crew), in that each of the defendants knowingly and intentionally participated in the narcotics conspiracy charged in Count One of this Superseding Indictment, which involved a continuing series of violations of

Title 21, United States Code, Chapter 13, Subchapter I, undertaken by each of the defendants in concert with five and more persons with respect to whom each of the defendants occupied a position of organizer, a supervisory position, and any other position of management.

Notice of Special Sentencing Factors

6. From at least in or about 2012 through at least in or about February 2024, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, EDWIN CARRASQUILLO, a/k/a "Malo," and HECTOR HERNANDEZ, a/k/a "Hec," the defendants, were two of the principal administrators, organizers, and leaders of the Continuing Criminal Enterprise, in which the continuing series of violations of Title 21, United States Code, Chapter 13, Subchapter I involved at least 300 times the quantity of mixtures and substances containing a detectable amount of fentanyl described in Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(B), at least 300 times the quantity of mixtures and substances containing a detectable amount of heroin described in Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(B), and at least 300 times the quantity of mixtures and substances containing a detectable amount of cocaine base, in a form commonly known as "crack," described in Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(B).

(Title 21, United States Code, Sections 848(a), 848(b), and 848(c); and  
Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.)

**COUNT THREE**

**(Use, Carrying, and Possession of Firearms in  
Connection with a Drug Trafficking Crime)**

The Grand Jury further charges:

7. From at least in or about 2012 up to and including in or about February 2023, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, EDWIN CARRASQUILLO, a/k/a "Malo," HECTOR HERNANDEZ, a/k/a "Hec," JOSE HERNANDEZ, a/k/a "Nene," a/k/a "Little," NATHANIEL MANNING, a/k/a "Tio," DAMEL MARCUS, a/k/a "Shank," EDUARDO MORENO, a/k/a "AR," JOSUE VARGAS, a/k/a "Leo," JUAN KUANG, a/k/a "Jo Jo," a/k/a

"Jay," a/k/a "Blanco," STEVEN SANTIAGO, a/k/a "Swizz," VICTOR MENDENG, a/k/a "Cali," DELILAH CARRIEL, ROSEMARIE SANCHEZ, a/k/a "Rosie," JUAN CALDERON, a/k/a "Jazzo," a/k/a "Juanito," and CHRISTOPHER MEADOWS, the defendants, during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime for which they may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, namely, the drug trafficking crime charged in Count One of this Superseding Indictment, knowingly used and carried firearms, and in furtherance of such crime, possessed firearms, certain of which were brandished and discharged, and aided and abetted the same.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(c)(1)(A)(i), (ii), and (iii) and 2.)

**COUNT FOUR**  
**(Use, Carrying, and Possession of Firearms in  
Connection with a Drug Trafficking Crime)**

The Grand Jury further charges:

8. From at least in or about 2012 up to and including in or about February 2020, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, JASON RIVERA, a/k/a "Colombo," the defendant, during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime for which he may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, namely, the drug trafficking crime charged in Count One of this Superseding Indictment, knowingly used and carried firearms, and in furtherance of such crime, possessed firearms, certain of which were brandished, and aided and abetted the same.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(c)(1)(A)(i) and (ii) and 2.)

**COUNT FIVE**  
**(Use, Carrying, and Possession of Firearms in  
Connection with a Drug Trafficking Crime)**

The Grand Jury further charges:

9. From at least in or about 2012 up to and including in or about January 2021, other than on or about July 5, 2020, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, ANGEL VILLAFANE, the defendant, during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime for which he may

be prosecuted in a court of the United States, namely, the drug trafficking crime charged in Count One of this Indictment, knowingly used and carried firearms, and in furtherance of such crime, possessed firearms, certain of which were brandished and discharged, and aided and abetted the same.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(c)(1)(A)(i), (ii), and (iii) and 2.)

**COUNT SIX**  
**(Murder for Hire)**

The Grand Jury further charges:

10. In or about July 2020, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, ANGEL VILLAFANE, the defendant, traveled in and caused another person to travel in interstate and foreign commerce, and used and caused another person to use the mail and a facility of interstate and foreign commerce, with intent that a murder be committed in violation of the laws of a State and the United States as consideration for the receipt of, and as consideration for a promise and agreement to pay, a thing of pecuniary value, which resulted in the personal injury of another person ("Victim-1"), and aided and abetted and conspired to do the same, to wit, VILLAFANE paid a co-conspirator ("CC-1") to lure Victim-1 to a location where VILLAFANE attempted to murder Victim-1 over a drug debt, and CC-1 did so, resulting in personal injury to Victim-1.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1958 and 2.)

**COUNT SEVEN**  
**(Use, Carrying, and Possession of a Firearm in  
Connection with a Drug Trafficking Crime)**

The Grand Jury further charges:

11. On or about July 5, 2020, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, ANGEL VILLAFANE, the defendant, during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime for which he may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, namely, a conspiracy, other than the conspiracy charged in Count One of this Superseding Indictment, to distribute and possess with

intent to distribute (i) mixtures and substances containing a detectable amount of heroin, and (ii) mixtures and substance containing a detectable amount of fentanyl, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 846 and 841(b)(1)(C), knowingly used and carried a firearm, and in furtherance of such crime, possessed a firearm, which was brandished and discharged, and aided and abetted the same.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(c)(1)(A)(i), (ii), and (iii), and 2.)

**COUNT EIGHT**  
**(Felon in Possession of Ammunition)**

The Grand Jury further charges:

12. On or about January 8, 2021, in the Southern District of New York, ANGEL VILLAFANE, the defendant, knowing he had previously been convicted in a court of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, knowingly possessed ammunition, to wit, one FC Luger nine-millimeter cartridge, one Win Luger nine-millimeter cartridge, and one FC Luger nine-millimeter cartridge casing, and the ammunition was in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1) and 2.)

**FORFEITURE ALLEGATIONS**

13. As a result of committing the offense alleged in Count One of this Superseding Indictment, EDWIN CARRASQUILLO, a/k/a "Malo," HECTOR HERNANDEZ, a/k/a "Hec," JOSE HERNANDEZ, a/k/a "Nene," a/k/a "Little," NATHANIEL MANNING, a/k/a "Tio," DAMEL MARCUS, a/k/a "Shank," EDUARDO MORENO, a/k/a "AR," JASON RIVERA, a/k/a "Colombo," JOSUE VARGAS, a/k/a "Leo," JUAN KUANG, a/k/a "Jo Jo," a/k/a "Jay," a/k/a "Blanco," STEVEN SANTIAGO, a/k/a "Swizz," VICTOR MENDENG, a/k/a "Cali," DELILAH CARRIEL, ROSEMARIE SANCHEZ, a/k/a "Rosie," JUAN CALDERON, a/k/a "Jazzo," a/k/a "Juanito," CHRISTOPHER MEADOWS, and ANGEL VILLAFANE, the defendants, shall forfeit



to the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853, any and all property constituting, or derived from, any proceeds obtained, directly or indirectly, as a result of said offense and any and all property used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of, said offense, including but not limited to a sum of money in United States currency representing the amount of proceeds traceable to the commission of said offense and the following specific property:

a. \$120,071.00 of United States currency seized at the Newark Liberty International Airport in Newark, New Jersey on or about October 26, 2020 and initially secured in Drug Enforcement Administration Self-Sealing Evidence Envelope # S001108501;

b. \$51,220 of United States currency seized at the Newark Liberty International Airport in Newark, New Jersey on or about October 26, 2020 and initially secured in Drug Enforcement Administration Self-Sealing Evidence Envelope # S001073083;

c. \$30,000 of United States currency seized at the Newark Liberty International Airport in Newark, New Jersey on or about October 26, 2020 and initially secured in Drug Enforcement Administration Self-Sealing Evidence Envelope # S001108513;

d. \$10,726 of United States currency seized in the vicinity of the front of 2451 Valentine Avenue in the Bronx, New York on or about March 16, 2023 and initially secured in Drug Enforcement Administration Self-Sealing Evidence Envelope # S001777753;

e. assorted yellow-gold jewelry valued at \$117,755 and seized in the vicinity of the front of 2451 Valentine Avenue in the Bronx, New York on or about March 16, 2023 and initially secured in Drug Enforcement Administration Self-Sealing Evidence Envelope # S001777754, including multiple yellow-gold chains, bracelets, a ring, and a pendant, all more fully described in Drug Enforcement Administration Seizure Form 23-DEA-702719.

14. As a result of committing the offense alleged in Count Two of this Superseding

Indictment, EDWIN CARRASQUILLO, a/k/a "Malo," HECTOR HERNANDEZ, a/k/a "Hec," JOSE HERNANDEZ, a/k/a "Nene," a/k/a "Little," NATHANIEL MANNING, a/k/a "Tio," DAMEL MARCUS, a/k/a "Shank," EDUARDO MORENO, a/k/a "AR," JASON RIVERA, a/k/a "Colombo," JOSUE VARGAS, a/k/a "Leo," JUAN KUANG, a/k/a "Jo Jo," a/k/a "Jay," a/k/a "Blanco," and STEVEN SANTIAGO, a/k/a "Swizz," the defendants, shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853, any and all property constituting, or derived from, any proceeds obtained, directly or indirectly, as a result of said offense; any and all property used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of, said offense; and any and all interest in, claims against, and property and contractual rights affording a source of control over the continuing criminal enterprise described in Count Two of this Superseding Indictment, including but not limited to a sum of money in United States currency representing the amount of proceeds traceable to the commission of the offense and the following specific property:

a. \$120,071.00 of United States currency seized at the Newark Liberty International Airport in Newark, New Jersey on or about October 26, 2020 and initially secured in Drug Enforcement Administration Self-Sealing Evidence Envelope # S001108501;

b. \$51,220 of United States currency seized at the Newark Liberty International Airport in Newark, New Jersey on or about October 26, 2020 and initially secured in Drug Enforcement Administration Self-Sealing Evidence Envelope # S001073083;

c. \$30,000 of United States currency seized at the Newark Liberty International Airport in Newark, New Jersey on or about October 26, 2020 and initially secured in Drug Enforcement Administration Self-Sealing Evidence Envelope # S001108513;

d. \$10,726 of United States currency seized in the vicinity of the front of 2451 Valentine Avenue in the Bronx, New York on or about March 16, 2023 and initially secured in

Drug Enforcement Administration Self-Sealing Evidence Envelope # S001777753;

e. assorted yellow-gold jewelry valued at \$117,755 and seized in the vicinity of the front of 2451 Valentine Avenue in the Bronx, New York on or about March 16, 2023 and initially secured in Drug Enforcement Administration Self-Sealing Evidence Envelope #S001777754, including multiple yellow-gold chains, bracelets, a ring, and a pendant, all more fully described in Drug Enforcement Administration Seizure Form 23-DEA-702719.

15. As a result of committing the offense alleged in Count Six of this Superseding Indictment, ANGEL VILLAFANE, the defendant, shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), any and all property, real and personal, that constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to the commission of said offense, including, but not limited to, a sum of money in United States currency representing the amount of proceeds traceable to the commission of said offense that VILLAFANE personally obtained.

Substitute Assets Provision

16. If any of the above-described forfeitable property, as a result of any act or omission of EDWIN CARRASQUILLO, a/k/a "Malo," HECTOR HERNANDEZ, a/k/a "Hec," JOSE HERNANDEZ, a/k/a "Nene," a/k/a "Little," NATHANIEL MANNING, a/k/a "Tio," DAMEL MARCUS, a/k/a "Shank," EDUARDO MORENO, a/k/a "AR," JASON RIVERA, a/k/a "Colombo," JOSUE VARGAS, a/k/a "Leo," JUAN KUANG, a/k/a "Jo Jo," a/k/a "Jay," a/k/a "Blanco," STEVEN SANTIAGO, a/k/a "Swizz," VICTOR MENDENG, a/k/a "Cali," DELILAH CARRIEL, ROSEMARIE SANCHEZ, a/k/a "Rosie," JUAN CALDERON, a/k/a "Jazzo," a/k/a "Juanito," CHRISTOPHER MEADOWS, and ANGEL VILLAFANE, the defendants:

- a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third person;

- 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 subdivided without difficulty;

it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), to seek forfeiture of any other property of the defendants up to the value of the above forfeitable property.

(Title 18, United States Code, Section 981;  
Title 21, United States Code, Section 953; and  
Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461.)



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