

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

ESTHERLYN FRIAS,  
a/k/a "Platinum,"  
a/k/a "Silver,"

Defendant.

INDICTMENT

25 Cr.

25 CRIM

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COUNT ONE

**(Conspiracy to Distribute Narcotics Resulting in Death)**

The Grand Jury charges:

1. From at least in or about January 2023 through at least in or about July 2025, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, ESTHERLYN FRIAS, a/k/a "Platinum," a/k/a "Silver," the defendant, and others known and unknown, knowingly and intentionally combined, conspired, confederated, and agreed together and with each other to violate the narcotics laws of the United States.

2. It was a part and an object of the conspiracy that ESTHERLYN FRIAS, a/k/a "Platinum," a/k/a "Silver," the defendant, and others known and unknown, would and did distribute and possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1).

3. The controlled substances involved in the offense were: 50 grams or more of methamphetamine its salts, isomers, and salts of its isomers, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(A); 40 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of fentanyl, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(B); 10 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of para-fluorofentanyl,

an analog of fentanyl, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(B); 28 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine base, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(B); a quantity of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(C), a quantity of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of heroin, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(C), and a quantity of mixtures and substances containing a detectable amount of methadone, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(C).

4. The use of such controlled substances resulted in the death of Kasey Hernandez on or about July 1, 2025, in Greenwich, Connecticut.

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

**COUNT TWO**  
**(Possession with Intent to Distribute Narcotics)**

The Grand Jury further charges:

5. On or about July 1, 2025, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, ESTHERLYN FRIAS, a/k/a "Platinum," a/k/a "Silver," the defendant, knowingly and intentionally distributed and possessed with intent to distribute a controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1), and aided and abetted the same.

6. The controlled substances involved in the offense were: 50 grams or more of methamphetamine its salts, isomers, and salts of its isomers, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(A); 40 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of fentanyl, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(B); 10 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of para-fluorofentanyl, an analog of fentanyl, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(B); 28 grams

or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine base, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(B); a quantity of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(C), and a quantity of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of heroin, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(C), and a quantity of mixtures and substances containing a detectable amount of methadone, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(C).

(Title 21, United States Code, Sections 812, 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(A), 841(b)(1)(B), and 841(b)(1)(C); Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.)

**COUNT THREE**

**(Possession with Intent to Distribute Narcotics Resulting in Death)**

The Grand Jury further charges:

7. In or about June 2025, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, ESTHERLYN FRIAS, a/k/a "Platinum," a/k/a "Silver," the defendant, knowingly and intentionally distributed and possessed with intent to distribute a controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1), and aided and abetted the same.

8. The controlled substances involved in the offense were a quantity of mixtures and substances containing a detectable amount of cocaine in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(C), and a quantity of mixtures and substances containing a detectable amount of fentanyl, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(C).

9. The use of such controlled substances resulted in the death of Kasey Hernandez on or about July 1, 2025, in Greenwich, Connecticut.

(Title 21, United States Code, Sections 812, 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C); Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.)

**FORFEITURE ALLEGATION**

10. As a result of committing the offenses alleged in Counts One and Two of this Indictment, ESTHERLYN FRIAS, a/k/a "Platinum," a/k/a "Silver," the defendant, 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 offenses 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 offenses, including but not limited to a sum of money in United States currency representing the amount of proceeds traceable to the commission of said offenses.

**Substitute Assets Provision**

11. If any of the above-described forfeitable property, as a result of any act or omission 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 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), to seek forfeiture of any other property of the defendants up to the value of the above forfeitable property.

(Title 21, United States Code, Section 853.)

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JAY CLAYTON  
United States Attorney