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Twenty-Four Arrested in Drug and Gun Sweep in New Hampshire

CONCORD, NH—Federal, state, and local law enforcement authorities, spearheaded by the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s Safe Streets Gang Task Force and the Manchester Police Department, today executed the coordinated arrests of twenty-four (24) individuals on federal drug and gun charges, announced United States Attorney John P. Kacavas. The large majority of arrests occurred in Manchester and were the product of a long-term, multi-jurisdictional investigation that resulted in the defendants’ indictment by a federal grand jury in the District of New Hampshire.

U.S. Attorney Kacavas praised the work of all the law enforcement agencies involved, observing, “Our communities are safer today because of the cooperative and coordinated efforts of federal, state, and local law enforcement in identifying, locating and arresting alleged drug and weapon offenders. This sweep constitutes a major disruption in the flow of illicit drugs on our streets and I am grateful to the FBI and the Manchester Police Department for their leadership of this effort and to the brave law enforcement agents and officers who executed these arrests.”

FBI Supervisory Special Agent Kieran Ramsey stated, “The New Hampshire Safe Streets Gang Task Force continues to aggressively investigate gang members and other criminals who pose the greatest threat of violence to the safety and security of our communities.”

A list of those arrested in the sweep is below. An indictment constitutes a charge of criminal conduct and it is not evidence of guilt. A criminal defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

The investigation was led by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Safe Streets Gang Task Force and the Manchester Police Department, Special Investigations Unit. Members of the arrest teams included: the FBI Safe Streets Gang Task Force; the New England High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area; the United States Marshals Service; the United States Secret Service; the Immigration and Customs Enforcement; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives; the Department of State; the Drug Enforcement Administration; the New Hampshire Attorney General’s Drug Task Force; the New Hampshire State Police; the Massachusetts State Police; the Manchester Police Department; the Nashua Police Department; the Lowell (MA) Police Department; the Lawrence (MA) Police Department; the Andover (MA) Police Department; the New Hampshire Department of Probation and Parole; the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Department; and the Strafford County Sheriff’s Department.

The Safe Streets Gang Task Force initiative, part of the FBI's Violent Crimes and Major Offenders Program, was created to encourage coordinated crime fighting efforts among FBI field offices and local law enforcement partners. The mission of the Safe Streets Gang Task Force is to effectively utilize partnerships to investigate, locate, arrest, and prosecute subjects for serious federal and state crimes, including drug and weapons violations, armed robbery, bank robbery, kidnapping, and gang and drug-related violence. There are presently over 140 Safe Streets Gang Task Forces nationally.

List of defendants and charges:

- (1) Carlos Ramirez, 24, of Nashua, charged with engaging in a conspiracy to distribute cocaine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 846, and distribution of cocaine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1);
- (2) Erick Ramirez, 28, of Nashua, charged with engaging in a conspiracy to distribute cocaine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 846, and distribution of cocaine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1);
- (3) Jose Santos Rodriguez, 30, of Manchester, charged with distribution of cocaine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1);
- (4) Gilberto Brown, 36, of Lowell, Massachusetts, charged with engaging in a conspiracy to distribute cocaine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 846;
- (5) Wiljado Cruz, Jr., 32, of Manchester, charged with engaging in a conspiracy to distribute cocaine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 846, and distribution of cocaine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1);
- (6) David Gabriel, 34, of Manchester, charged with engaging in a conspiracy to distribute cocaine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 846, and distribution of cocaine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1);
- (7) Raymond Alleyne, 27, of Manchester, charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922;
- (8) Roney White, 19, of Manchester, charged with distribution of cocaine base (“crack”), in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1);
- (9) Miguel Rodriguez, 34, of Manchester, charged with distribution of cocaine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1);
- (10) Antonio Clough, 27, of Manchester, charged with distribution of cocaine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1);
- (11) Kathy Vazquez, 29, of Lawrence, Massachusetts, charged with engaging in a conspiracy to distribute cocaine base (“crack”), in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 846, and distribution of cocaine base (“crack”), in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1);

- (12) Earrie Fenderson, 29, of Manchester, charged with distribution of cocaine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1);
- (13) Phillip Yee, 38, of Andover, Massachusetts, charged with possession of cocaine with the intention to distribute, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1);
- (14) Edgar Feliciano, 36, of Manchester, charged with distribution of heroin, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1);
- (15) Nicholas Obando, age 38, of Manchester, charged with distribution of heroin, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1);
- (16) Luis Garcia, 26, of Manchester, charged with distribution of heroin, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1);
- (17) Geraldine Brown, 44, of Manchester, charged with distribution of oxycodone and hydrocodone, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1), and aiding and abetting the distribution of cocaine base (“crack”), in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2;
- (18) Adalberto Miranda, 31, of Manchester, charged with distribution of cocaine base (“crack”), in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1);
- (19) Frank Robitaille, 26, of Manchester, charged with distribution of cocaine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1);
- (20) Natasha Robitaille, 22, of Manchester, charged with distribution of cocaine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1);
- (21) Matthew Denton, 30, of Manchester, charged with aiding and abetting the distribution of cocaine, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2;
- (22) Xavier Morales, 22, of Manchester, charged with distribution of cocaine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1).
- (23) Raymond Marbury, 41, of Manchester, New Hampshire, who was arrested and indicted for the distribution of cocaine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1), and aiding and abetting the distribution of cocaine, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2; and
- (24) Aaron Paley, 43, of Manchester, New Hampshire, who was arrested and indicted for engaging in a bank robbery, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2113.