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Long-Term Narcotics Investigation Results in Drug and Weapon Recovery, Four Arrests and one Murder Charge

Rochester, NY- On Wednesday, April 15, 2020, and Friday, April 24, 2020, the Monroe County Heroin Task Force utilized information collected from a long-term narcotics investigation to execute search warrants at multiple locations within the City of Rochester and the Town of Henrietta.

This was a long term investigation by the Monroe County District Attorney's Office, the Monroe County Heroin Task Force, the Greater Rochester Area Narcotics Enforcement Team, the Rochester Police Department, the United States Postal Inspection Service, the New York State Police, the Drug Enforcement Administration, Border Patrol, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Brockport Police Department and Homeland Security Investigations.

During the course of the long term investigation, law enforcement seized six handguns, six shotguns, and five rifles. In addition to the firearms, law enforcement seized over 200 grams of suspected cocaine, over 10 pounds of suspected fentanyl, 53 grams of suspected heroin and approximately \$10,000 in cash. Four individuals were subsequently arrested, including 40-year-old Andrew Gomez, 28-year-old Roberto Lopez Jr, 22-year-old Esteven J. Soto and 37-year-old Luis Rios.

Andrew Gomez was charged with two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree, Roberto Lopez Jr. was charged with Criminal Possession of a Firearm, Esteven J. Soto, was charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree and Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the 2nd Degree; and Luis Rios was charged with Murder in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for his alleged involvement in the death of Jose Ubiles that occurred on August 29, 2019.

“These search warrants and seizures are the results of months of hard work from the numerous law enforcement agencies and our Special Investigations Bureau,” said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “The Monroe County District Attorney’s Office and our law enforcement partners are sending a clear message that we will not tolerate illegal narcotics and illegal firearms of any kind, and anyone involved with such activity will soon find themselves behind bars. We look forward to bringing these defendants to court and find justice for the homicide of Jose Ubiles”

"I would like to thank every person who was a part of the investigation that led to these arrests," said Robin Catalano, Deputy Bureau Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau. "This investigation was a collaborative effort that helped remove dangerous weapons and narcotics off of our streets. The community is safer as a result of these arrests."

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