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Long-Term Narcotics Investigation Results in Drug and Weapon Recovery

Rochester, NY- On Thursday, May 2, 2019, the Monroe County District Attorney's Office and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration Rochester Task Force utilized information collected from a long-term narcotics investigation to issue search warrants at multiple locations within the City of Rochester and the Town of Greece.

This was a widespread investigation aided by the Monroe County District Attorney's Office and the DEA Rochester Task Force, which is comprised of agents and officers of the DEA, Monroe County Sheriff's Office, the Ontario County Sheriff's Office, the Rochester Police Department, the Greece Police Department, United States Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement- Enforcement and Removal Operations, and the New York State Police. Assisting in this investigation were the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the United States Postal Inspection Service.

During the raid, law enforcement seized five assault-style rifles, three handguns, and one fully automatic loaded handgun with a 30 round magazine. In addition to the firearms, law enforcement seized three kilograms of cocaine and approximately \$80,000 in cash. Eight individuals were subsequently arrested and eleven vehicles were seized. Arrested were 37-year-old Henry Rivera, 37-year-old Angel Cruz, 26-year-old Jose Maldonado, 45-year-old Reinaldo Rodriguez, 32-year-old Ernest Vazquez, 23-year-old Omar Mendez, 33-year-old Abdiel Robles, and 38-year-old Julius Johnson.

"These search warrants are the result of months of hard work from the numerous law enforcement agencies that are members of the DEA Task Force and our Special Investigations Bureau, especially Special Assistant District Attorney Greg Clark," 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 firearms of any kind, and anyone involved with such activity will soon find themselves behind bars."

"I would like to thank every person who was a part of the investigation that led to these arrests," said Special Assistant District Attorney Greg Clark. "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."

"This was a targeted effort by law enforcement to dismantle a violent drug trafficking network in the City of Rochester and Town of Greece," said Special Agent in Charge Ray Donovan, head of the New York Division of the DEA. "These arrests have removed criminal elements from our neighborhoods and sent a message to drug gangs that law enforcement has united efforts to weed you out."

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