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Five Camden County Men Indicted for Distribution of Cocaine and Crack Cocaine

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CAMDEN – Five Camden County men were indicted today for their roles in a conspiracy to distribute multiple kilograms of cocaine and quantities of crack cocaine, U.S. Attorney Christopher J. Christie announced.

Nasser Perez, 33, a.k.a. “Nas,” of Lindenwold; Carlos Vallejo, 33, a.k.a. “L,” of Pennsauken; Pedro Vasquez, 33, a.k.a. “P” and “Tim,” of Camden; Jerald Green, 40, of Waterford; and Ronald Clements, 30, a.k.a. “Riz,” of Magnolia, are all charged in a one-count Indictment with conspiracy to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute more than five kilograms of cocaine and more than 50 grams of cocaine base.

Vallejo, Vasquez and Clements were arrested on federal criminal Complaints on Jan. 25 at locations in southern New Jersey. Perez and Green were arrested on federal Complaints on Jan. 24 in Tucson, Ariz., where they had traveled from New Jersey to meet with a cocaine supplier.

Each of the defendants will be arraigned before U.S. District Judge Noel L. Hillman in the coming weeks. All of the defendants have been detained since their arrests.

The charge contained in the Indictment carries a mandatory minimum prison sentence of 10 years and a maximum penalty of life and a fine of \$4 million.

In determining an actual sentence, Judge Hillman would, upon a conviction, consult the advisory U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, which provide appropriate sentencing ranges that take into account the severity and characteristics of the offense, the defendant's criminal history, if any, and other factors. The judge, however, is not bound by those guidelines in determining a sentence. Parole has been abolished in the federal system. Defendants who are given custodial terms must serve nearly all that time.

Despite indictment, each of the defendants is presumed innocent unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Christie credited Special Agents of the DEA’s South Jersey Resident Agency, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Gerard P. McAleer, Troopers with the New Jersey State Police, under the direction of Superintendent Colonel Joseph R. Fuentes, and the N.J. Division of Criminal Justice, under the direction of Gregory Paw, Director, for investigation of the case.

The Government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Matthew Skahill of the Criminal Division in Camden.

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Defense Attorneys:

Vasquez - Michael Kahn, Esq. Cherry Hill
Perez - Unknown
Vallejo - Brian McMonagle, Esq. Haddon Heights
Green - Unknown
Clements - Leonard Biddison, Esq. Camden