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BRONX MAN CHARGED WITH FOUR DRUG-RELATED MURDERS

LEV L. DASSIN, the Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and EDMUND HARTNETT, the Yonkers Police Commissioner, announced that a federal grand jury in Manhattan returned a Superseding Indictment today which added three additional murder charges to the charge currently pending against FREDDIE GONZALEZ. A previously filed Indictment charged GONZALEZ and others with the drug trafficking-related murder of CARLOS POLANCO in Queens, New York, on November 10, 1990. As alleged in the Superseding Indictment filed today in Manhattan federal court:

FREDDIE GONZALEZ, while engaged in a conspiracy to distribute five kilograms and more of cocaine, committed, or aided and abetted in the commission of, the murders of CARMELO and MARISOL GONZALEZ (no relation to the defendant) at 711 Scarsdale Road, Yonkers, New York on August 11, 1990, and CLEMENT BEDWORD in the vicinity of 69 Rockledge Road, Yonkers, New York on September 25, 1990.

The three newly-charged murders were unsolved until the Yonkers, New York Police Department's Cold Case Squad, along with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, the New York City Police Department's Cold Case Squad, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation's White Plains, New York Field Office began reinvestigating the murders based on new information.

If convicted, FREDDIE GONZALEZ, who is a citizen of the Dominican Republic and who resided in Bronx, New York, prior to his arrest, faces a maximum sentence of life in prison. He will be arraigned on the Superseding Indictment on Thursday, April 16, at 2:30 p.m. before United States District Judge SHIRA A. SCHEINDLIN.

Mr. DASSIN praised the work of the investigating agencies.

Assistant United States Attorney LAURIE A. KORENBAUM is in charge of the prosecution.

The charges set forth in the Superseding Indictment are merely allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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