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**MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES OF THE PAGANS OUTLAW
MOTORCYCLE GANG ARRESTED IN TRI-STATE AREA SWEEP**

***Multi-District Takedown In "Operation On The Road Again"
Culminates With 19 Arrests And 7 Searches***

***Eastern and Southern Districts Of New York Charge Racketeering,
Extortion, Witness Tampering, Drug Distribution, And Firearms
Offenses***

PREET BHARARA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, LORETTA LYNCH, the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York, RONALD B. TURK, the Special Agent-in-Charge of the New York Field Division of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives ("ATF"), and RICHARD DORMER, Commissioner of the Suffolk County Police Department, today announced the unsealing of Indictments in federal court in Central Islip and White Plains, New York, charging 17 alleged members and associates of Long Island, upstate New York, and New Jersey chapters of the Pagans outlaw motorcycle gang. Simultaneous with today's arrests, ATF agents executed search warrants at seven locations on Long Island, including the gang's local chapter headquarters, a tattoo parlor in Rocky Point; two locations in upstate New York; and four locations in New Jersey. During the searches, ATF agents recovered, among other things, 34 firearms and what appeared to be an improvised explosive device ("IED"). The Central Islip Indictment (the EDNY Indictment), filed in the Eastern District of New York, charges defendants with racketeering, murder

conspiracy, assault, extortion, drug distribution, witness tampering, and firearms offenses. The White Plains Indictment (the SDNY Indictment), filed in the Southern District of New York, charges defendants with drug trafficking and firearms offenses.

The charges are the culmination of a 21-month undercover investigation led by ATF Special Agents who gained access to the internal operations of the gang. The defendants arrested today in the EDNY case are scheduled to be arraigned this afternoon before United States Magistrate Judge ARLENE R. LINDSAY. The case has been assigned to United States District Judge JOANNA SEYBERT. The defendants arrested today in the SDNY case are scheduled to be arraigned this afternoon before United States Magistrate Judge LISA MARGARET SMITH.

The EDNY Indictment

As alleged in the Indictment and a detention letter filed by the Government:

Murder Conspiracy

Five of the indicted defendants, John Ebeling, Jason Blair, Ezra Arthur Davis III, Kenneth Van Diver, and Edward Samborski, are members of the Long Island chapter of the Pagans. Ebeling previously served as president of the Long Island chapter and most recently as an official in the Pagans national governing body, known as the "Mother Club," which oversees the activities of several gang chapters in New York, New Jersey, and eastern Pennsylvania. In May 2010, Blair succeeded Ebeling as the Long Island chapter president. Both defendants, together with Tracy Lahey, Douglas Yeomans, Timothy Fowler, and Derek Dekker - ranking members of Pagans chapters based in Sullivan County, New York, and Trenton, New Jersey - are charged with conspiring to murder members and associates of the Hell's Angels, a rival motorcycle gang. The conspiracy is part of a long-standing feud between the two motorcycle gangs. During the course of the investigation, undercover agents learned that the defendants discussed using grenades to kill members of the Hell's Angels and their support clubs and had drawn up a list of possible targets. On or about September 12, 2010, at a New Jersey gathering of Pagans, Blair ordered members of the Long Island chapter to be prepared to die or go to prison as they executed the conspiracy to murder. If convicted, these defendants face up to 10 years' imprisonment.

Violent Crimes in Aid of Racketeering

Ebeling, Blair, Dekker, Fowler, and Robert Hamilton, as well as Long Island chapter members Davis and Van Diver, are charged with a series of violent crimes in aid of racketeering - including assaults with axe handles, boots, billiard balls, and a pipe wrench - against four victims between October 2009 and January 2010. Ebeling and Blair are also charged with conspiracy to commit extortion against a fifth victim and with the interstate sale of that victim's stolen motorcycle. If convicted, these defendants face up to 20 years on each assault count and the extortion conspiracy, and up to 10 years on the stolen vehicle count.

Drug Distribution

Samborski, Van Diver, and Lahey, as well as Elizabeth, New Jersey, Pagans chapter members Robert Leonardis and Robert Deronde, are charged with the distribution of various drugs, including cocaine, cocaine base, oxycodone, and methamphetamine. If convicted of the drug counts, these defendants face maximum terms of imprisonment of between 20 years to life.

Firearms Offenses

Ebeling, Blair, Lahey, Davis, and Van Diver are charged with possession of firearms in connection with murder conspiracy, assaults, or drug distribution. If convicted, these defendants face a mandatory minimum five-year sentence for the first firearm possession, and consecutive 25-year mandatory minimum sentences for each successive firearms conviction. Davis is also charged with the illegal possession of a home-made hand grenade which carries a maximum 10-year sentence.

Witness Tampering

Ebeling, Blair, Davis, and Van Diver are charged with witness tampering and if convicted face a maximum sentence of 20 years' imprisonment.

The SDNY Indictment

As alleged in the 12-count Indictment unsealed in White Plains federal court:

From at least August 2009 through late August 2010, Tracy Lahey, Douglas Youmans, also known as "Doc," Robert

Santiago, also known as "Comanche," Ezra Arthur Davis III, also known as "Izzo," Walter Tarrats, and Harold Legg, also known as "Wiz," and others participated in a conspiracy to distribute cocaine, and used, carried, and possessed firearms in furtherance of their drug trafficking crimes. Lahey, Youmans, and Santiago are also charged with distributing cocaine and possessing cocaine with the intent to distribute it on or about May 22, 2010, in Swan Lake, New York. The Indictment further charges Youmans, Cuevas, and Tarrats with being felons in possession of firearms, and charges Davis III, Tarrats, and Legg with possessing firearms while being employed by convicted felons and drug users.

The defendants were arrested earlier today, and Youmans, Santiago, Cuevas, Tarrats, and Legg will be presented today in the federal courthouse in White Plains, New York. Lahey and Davis III will be presented today in the federal courthouse in , New York.

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If convicted, the following defendants face a maximum term of life imprisonment: Tracy Lahey, of Swan Lake, New York; Douglas Youmans, of Ellenville, New York; Robert Santiago, of Ellenville, New York; Ezra Arthur Davis III, of Holbrook, New York; Walter Tarrats, of Sussex, New Jersey; and Harold Legg, of Edison, New Jersey. Sergio Cuevas, of Rahway, New Jersey, faces a maximum term of 10 years' imprisonment if convicted.

Manhattan United States Attorney PREET BHARARA stated: "As this case suggests, violent and criminal motorcycle gangs are not quaint vestiges of the past. Some of the defendants allegedly plied their criminal trade not in the inner city but in quiet communities like the Catskills. I especially applaud the work of the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York. Today's Indictments stand as a tribute to the cooperative efforts of law enforcement at all levels."

Brooklyn United States Attorney LORETTA LYNCH stated: "As this case demonstrates, violent street gangs do not limit their criminal activities to our inner cities and urban areas. Investigating and prosecuting those gangs is a priority program of this office, wherever they might be located." Ms. LYNCH expressed her grateful appreciation to the United States Attorney's Office, District of Massachusetts, for its cooperation and assistance in the investigation. Ms. LYNCH extended her grateful appreciation to the many state and local law enforcement agencies that assisted in the investigation and added that the

government's investigation is continuing.

ATF Special Agent-in-Charge RONALD B. TURK stated: "Today's arrests affirm ATF's commitment to making our neighborhoods safer. Targeting and arresting armed violent criminals remains one of our top priorities and we, along with our partners, will continue this fight. We have targeted several out-of-state firearms, explosives, and narcotics suppliers of this outlaw motorcycle gang and will continue to combat all of these illegal activities. I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to the ATF undercover special agents who gained access to the Pagans inner circles. By doing this, they put their lives on hold and at risk to ensure a complete and thorough investigation."

Suffolk County Police Commissioner RICHARD DORMER stated: "I commend the officers and agents from the Suffolk County Police Department and the ATF for their success in taking these defendants off the street. We will continue to work closely with our federal partners to keep our Suffolk County communities safe."

The EDNY case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys JAMES MISKIEWICZ and CHRISTOPHER CAFFERONE. The SDNY case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney ANNA SKOTKO.

The cases announced today are the result of "Operation On The Road Again," a multi-agency investigation led by the U.S. Attorneys' Offices for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York; ATF Field Divisions from New York, Newark, Boston, and Baltimore; and the Suffolk County Police Department. The Suffolk County District Attorney's Office; New York State Police; Nassau County Police Department; Sullivan County District Attorney's Office; New York City Police Department; New Jersey Office of the FBI; New Jersey State Police; Middlesex, Massachusetts, Sheriff's Office; Maryland State Police; and Wilmington, Delaware, Police Department were all thanked for their significant contributions to the investigation.

The charges announced today are merely allegations, and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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The EDNY Defendants:

JOHN RICHARD EBELING, JR. (a/k/a "JR")
Age: 39

JASON BLAIR (a/k/a "Roadblock")
Age: 36

EZRA ARTHUR DAVIS III (a/k/a "Izzo")
Age: 28

KENNETH VAN DIVER (a/k/a "Hogman")
Age: 50

ROBERT HAMILTON (a/k/a "Boston Bob")
Age: 50

TRACY LAHEY
Age: 33

DOUGLAS YEOMANS (a/k/a "Doc")
Age: 49

DEREK DEKKER (a/k/a "Pop up")
Age: 39

TIMOTHY FOWLER, (a/k/a "Pita")
Age: 42

RAYMOND HAMILTON (a/k/a "Bluto")
Age: 45

EDWARD SAMBORSKI (a/k/a "Cuz")
Age: 47

ROBERT DERONDE (a/k/a "Hellboy")
Age: 46

ROBERT LEONARDIS (a/k/a "Boobie")
Age: 41

The SDNY Defendants:

TRACY LAHEY
Age: 33

DOUGLAS YOUMANS (a/k/a "Doc")
Age: 49

ROBERT SANTIAGO (a/k/a "Comanche")
Age: 40

SERGIO CUEVOS (a/k/a "Cano")
Age: 70

EZRA ARTHUR DAVIS III (a/k/a "Izzo")
Age: 28

WALTER TARRATS
Age: 40

HAROLD LEGG (a/k/a "Wiz")
Age: 55