

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- v. -

HECTOR PALERMO,
a/k/a "Hec,"
MIGUEL GUZMAN,
MIGUEL RAMIREZ,
a/k/a "Mickey,"
FELIX CORDERO SR.,
a/k/a "Pops,"
MATTHEW PRESTOL,
a/k/a "Wiz,"
CHRIS ALICEA,
KHAALIQ HARRIS,
a/k/a "Rooster,"
ADRIAN QUINONES,
a/k/a "Five,"
FREDERICK BURGOS,
a/k/a "Flee,"
a/k/a "Lee,"
RAFAEL GONZALEZ,
a/k/a "June,"
ANGEL BERMUDEZ,
a/k/a "Para,"
JUAN CARLOS RODRIGUEZ,
a/k/a "J.C.,"
JESUS ANDINO,
a/k/a "Chico,"
ELVIN MALDONADO,
a/k/a "LV,"
JOSE AYALA,
ESTEBAN MARTINEZ,
a/k/a "Esco,"
CHRISTIAN RIVERA,
a/k/a "Rico,"
STEVEN VEGA,
a/k/a "Nene,"
DENISE ORTIZ,
CARMEN ROMAN, and
ASHLEY RODRIGUEZ,

Defendants.

SEALED
INDICTMENT

17 Cr.

17 CRIM 290

COUNT ONE

NARCOTICS CONSPIRACY

The Grand Jury charges:

1. From at least in or about 2014, up to and including in or about May 2017, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, HECTOR PALERMO, a/k/a Hec," MIGUEL GUZMAN, MIGUEL RAMIREZ, a/k/a "Mickey," FELIX CORDERO SR., a/k/a "Pops," MATTHEW PRESTOL, a/k/a "Wiz," CHRIS ALICEA, KHAALIQ HARRIS, a/k/a "Rooster," ADRIAN QUINONES, a/k/a "Five," FREDERICK BURGOS, a/k/a "Flee," a/k/a "Lee," RAFAEL GONZALEZ, a/k/a "June," ANGEL BERMUDEZ, a/k/a "Para," JUAN CARLOS RODRIGUEZ, a/k/a "J.C.," JESUS ANDINO, a/k/a "Chico," ELVIN MALDONADO, a/k/a "LV," JOSE AYALA, ESTEBAN MARTINEZ, a/k/a "Escò," CHRISTIAN RIVERA, a/k/a "Rico," STEVEN VEGA, a/k/a "Nene," DENISE ORTIZ, CARMEN ROMAN, and ASHLEY RODRIGUEZ, the defendants, and others known and unknown, intentionally and knowingly did combine, conspire, confederate, and agree together and with each other to violate the narcotics laws of the United States.

2. It was a part and an object of the conspiracy that HECTOR PALERMO, a/k/a Hec," MIGUEL GUZMAN, MIGUEL RAMIREZ, a/k/a "Mickey," FELIX CORDERO SR., a/k/a "Pops," MATTHEW PRESTOL, a/k/a "Wiz," CHRIS ALICEA, KHAALIQ HARRIS, a/k/a "Rooster," ADRIAN QUINONES, a/k/a "Five," FREDERICK BURGOS, a/k/a "Flee," a/k/a "Lee," RAFAEL GONZALEZ, a/k/a "June," ANGEL BERMUDEZ,

a/k/a "Para," JUAN CARLOS RODRIGUEZ, a/k/a "J.C.," JESUS ANDINO, a/k/a "Chico," ELVIN MALDONADO, a/k/a "LV," JOSE AYALA, ESTEBAN MARTINEZ, a/k/a "Esco," CHRISTIAN RIVERA, a/k/a "Rico," STEVEN VEGA, a/k/a "Nene," DENISE ORTIZ, CARMEN ROMAN, and ASHLEY RODRIGUEZ, the defendants, and others known and unknown, would and did distribute and possess with intent to distribute controlled substances, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1).

3. The controlled substances that HECTOR PALERMO, a/k/a Hec," MIGUEL GUZMAN, MIGUEL RAMIREZ, a/k/a "Mickey," FELIX CORDERO SR., a/k/a "Pops," MATTHEW PRESTOL, a/k/a "Wiz," CHRIS ALICEA, KHAALIQ HARRIS, a/k/a "Rooster," ADRIAN QUINONES, a/k/a "Five," FREDERICK BURGOS, a/k/a "Flee," a/k/a "Lee," RAFAEL GONZALEZ, a/k/a "June," ANGEL BERMUDEZ, a/k/a "Para," JUAN CARLOS RODRIGUEZ, a/k/a "J.C.," JESUS ANDINO, a/k/a "Chico," ELVIN MALDONADO, a/k/a "LV," JOSE AYALA, ESTEBAN MARTINEZ, a/k/a "Esco," CHRISTIAN RIVERA, a/k/a "Rico," STEVEN VEGA, a/k/a "Nene," DENISE ORTIZ, CARMEN ROMAN, and ASHLEY RODRIGUEZ, the defendants, conspired to distribute and possess with intent to distribute were: (1) 280 grams and more of mixtures and substances containing a detectable amount of cocaine base, in a form commonly known as "crack," in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(A);

and (2) one kilogram and more of mixtures and substances containing a detectable amount of heroin, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(A).

(Title 21, United States Code, Section 846.)

COUNT TWO

FIREARMS OFFENSE

The Grand Jury further charges:

4. From at least in or about 2014, up to and including at least in or about May 2017, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, MIGUEL GUZMAN, MIGUEL RAMIREZ, a/k/a "Mickey," FELIX CORDERO SR., a/k/a "Pops," MATTHEW PRESTOL, a/k/a "Wiz," CHRIS ALICEA, FREDERICK BURGOS, a/k/a "Flee," RAFAEL GONZALEZ, a/k/a "June," JUAN CARLOS RODRIGUEZ, a/k/a "J.C.," and STEVEN VEGA, a/k/a "Nene," the defendants, and others known and unknown, during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime for which they may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, namely, the narcotics offense charged in Count One of this Indictment, knowingly did use and carry firearms, and, in furtherance of such crime, did possess firearms, and did aid and abet the use, carrying, and possession of firearms.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(c)(1)(A)(i) and 2.)

COUNT THREE

FELON IN POSSESSION OF AMMUNITION

The Grand Jury further charges:

5. On or about March 8, 2017, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, MIGUEL RAMIREZ, a/k/a "Mickey," the defendant, after having been convicted in a court of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, knowingly did possess in and affecting commerce ammunition, to wit, 9mm caliber Winchester luger ammunition and .357 magnum Sellier and Bellot ammunition, which had previously been shipped and transported in interstate and foreign commerce.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1) and 2.)

FORFEITURE ALLEGATION

6. As a result of committing the controlled substance offense alleged in Count One of this Indictment, HECTOR PALERMO, a/k/a Hec," MIGUEL GUZMAN, MIGUEL RAMIREZ, a/k/a "Mickey," FELIX CORDERO SR., a/k/a "Pops," MATTHEW PRESTOL, a/k/a "Wiz," CHRIS ALICEA, KHAALIQ HARRIS, a/k/a "Rooster," ADRIAN QUINONES, a/k/a "Five," FREDERICK BURGOS, a/k/a "Flee," a/k/a "Lee," RAFAEL GONZALEZ, a/k/a "June," ANGEL BERMUDEZ, a/k/a "Para," JUAN CARLOS RODRIGUEZ, a/k/a "J.C.," JESUS ANDINO, a/k/a "Chico," ELVIN MALDONADO, a/k/a "LV," JOSE AYALA, ESTEBAN MARTINEZ, a/k/a "Esco," CHRISTIAN RIVERA, a/k/a "Rico," STEVEN VEGA, a/k/a "Nene," DENISE ORTIZ, CARMEN ROMAN, and ASHLEY RODRIGUEZ, the

defendants, shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853, any and all property constituting or derived from any proceeds said defendants obtained directly or indirectly as a result of the violation and any and all property used or intended to be used in any manner or part to commit or to facilitate the commission of the violation alleged in Count One of this Indictment, including but not limited to a sum in United States currency representing the amount of proceeds obtained as a result of the offense.

7. If any of the property described above as being subject to forfeiture, as a result of any act or omission of the defendants:

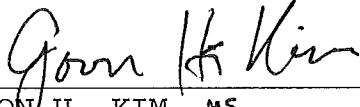
- a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third person;
- c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;
- d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
- e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be subdivided without difficulty;

it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 21,
United States Code, Section 853(p), to seek forfeiture of any
other property of the defendants up to the value of the above
forfeitable property.

(Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841 and 853.)



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21 U.S.C. § 846.)

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