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**MAJOR DRUG TRAFFICKER SENTENCED TO 12 YEARS IN PRISON
Defendant Trafficked Large Amounts Of Cocaine; 176 Lbs. Were Seized
During Joint Investigation With NYPD, HSI and DEA**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Brooklyn man has been sentenced to 12 years in prison after pleading guilty to Operating as a Major Trafficker for distributing large amounts of cocaine in the Bronx and elsewhere.

District Attorney Clark said, "We will stop traffickers of any illicit drugs that devastate lives and neighborhoods. This defendant flooded an area of the Bronx with cocaine and now he will serve serious time in prison."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Alvon Pierre, 45 of Brooklyn, was sentenced today to 12 years in prison and five years post-release supervision by Bronx Supreme Court Justice John W. Carter. The defendant pleaded guilty on October 30, 2019 to Operating as a Major Trafficker and third-degree Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance.

According to the year-long investigation by the Bronx District Attorney's Office, NYPD Bronx Gang Squad, Drug Enforcement Administration and Homeland Security Investigations, the defendant trafficked large quantities of cocaine, which was sold in bulk to distributors, and which in turn was sold in \$10 and \$20 packets, sometimes in crack form, on Valentine Avenue between the Grand Concourse and East 187th Street.

On February 28, 2019, investigators seized 176 pounds (80 kilos) of cocaine with a street value of almost \$3 million in a vehicle and packed in suitcases in an apartment on 191st Street in Flushing, Queens that was connected to Pierre and a co-defendant.

Pierre was one of 19 people indicted earlier this year for trafficking cocaine sold in the Bronx and elsewhere, and club drugs sold at nightspots throughout New York City. In addition to Pierre, seven defendants have also pleaded guilty, to various narcotics possession charges.

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The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Diego Hernandez, Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau, and Assistant District Attorney Howard Feldberg, Supervisor of the Special Investigations Bureau, under the supervision of Tarek Rahman, Deputy Chief of the Investigations Division, and Jean T. Walsh, Chief of the Investigations Division.

District Attorney Clark thanked former Assistant District Attorney Kieran Linehan, and Bronx District Attorney Detective Investigators Matthew Cruz, Fernando Nunez and Marco Conelli, and Lieutenant Vincent Cantarella; as well as NYPD Detective Andro Stambuk of the BXDA Squad, for their assistance in the investigation.

District Attorney Clark thanked Senior Civil Litigation Attorney Cristina Paquette and Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Shaw, both of the Asset Forfeiture Unit, and Special Investigations Trial Prep Assistant Thomas Lee for their assistance in the investigation.

District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Detective Luke Maddock of the Bronx Gang Squad for his work in the investigation.

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