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**BRONX MAN INDICTED AS MAJOR TRAFFICKER; NEARLY 29 POUNDS OF HEROIN AND SOME FENTANYL WERE RECOVERED IN HIS HOME
Drugs Were Hidden Behind a Light Fixture;
More Recovered from His Car**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been indicted for Operating as a Major Trafficker and additional charges after investigators found heroin and fentanyl in his home, with an estimated street value of about \$1 million dollars.

District Attorney Clark said, “Heroin and fentanyl are killing New Yorkers and destroying our communities. Getting these deadly and highly addictive drugs off the streets, along with holding accountable the people who care nothing about getting Bronxites hooked, is how we fight back and reclaim our community. The defendant allegedly stashed over 28 pounds of drugs in his home and vehicle, which will not get in the hands of drug dealers or users thanks to our law enforcement partners in the New York Strike Force, Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Carlos Munoz, 43, of 1908 Barnes Avenue, in the Van Nest section of the Bronx, was arraigned today on Operating as a Major Trafficker, two counts of first-degree Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance, second degree Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance, three counts of third-degree Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance, second-degree Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia, and three counts of seventh-degree Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance before Bronx Supreme Court Justice George Villegas. Bail was set at \$750,000 cash/\$750,000 bond/\$750,000 partially secured bond. The defendant is due back in court on September 13, 2022.

According to the investigation, on May 12, 2022, at the defendant’s home, investigators allegedly recovered approximately 13 kilograms of heroin and approximately 300 grams of fentanyl which were hidden behind the ceiling drywall, behind a light fixture in the bathroom. Investigators also allegedly found a 400-lb kilo press, hydraulics to operate the press, a grinder, and a stamp. Two hundred glassine envelopes and an additional 150 grams of heroin were also allegedly recovered from the defendant’s vehicle, which was found with the help of a narcotics-detecting dog.



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The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Alessandra Ambrosi and Assistant District Attorney Scott Stevenson of the Special Investigations Bureau, under the supervision of Jaclyn Wood, Supervisor in the Special Investigations Bureau, Howard Feldberg, Deputy Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau, Craig Cecchini, Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau, and under the overall supervision of Denise Kodjo, Deputy Chief of the Investigations Division, and Wanda Perez-Maldonado, Chief of Investigations Division. District Attorney Clark thanked Wiretap Specialist Samantha Urena of the Violent Criminal Enterprise Bureau for her assistance in the case.

District Attorney Clark also thanked NYPD Detective Nelson Pabon and NYPD Sergeant Ryan Boylan of the New York Strike Force, Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force for their work in the investigation.

An indictment is an accusatory instrument and not proof of a defendant's guilt.

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