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**FIVE ORGANIZATIONS INDICTED FOR SELLING FENTANYL IN HUB AREA;
FLAGRANT DEALING, OVERDOSES PLAGUED COMMUNITY**

Four Leaders Charged as Major Traffickers

30 lbs. of Fentanyl, 12 lbs. of Crystal Meth, Five Firearms Recovered During Investigation

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark and New York City Police Commissioner Jessica S. Tisch today announced that 32 people have been charged in five indictments with flooding the Hub area of the South Bronx with fentanyl, heroin and other narcotics, making the bustling shopping district an open-air drug market with users injecting deadly drugs on the street in broad daylight. Four of the defendants are charged with Operating as a Major Trafficker.

District Attorney Clark said, “These defendants allegedly operated in the Hub area, where shoppers, businesses and passersby had to endure flagrant drug dealing at all hours of the day, and where at least five people overdosed from deadly narcotics during that time. The street dealers and their suppliers are heard on wiretaps speaking about their brands—Bugatti, TikTok, Prada, Bad Bunny—being too strong and causing people to “fall down.” The residents should not have to live with such diminished quality of life, and we believe there will be a considerable difference now in the Hub.”

Police Commissioner Tisch said, “For too long, drug dealers have illegally operated at the Bronx Hub, preying on the most vulnerable New Yorkers, and creating a dangerous environment for the entire community. But after a long-term case, NYPD investigators dismantled five drug trafficking rings that were responsible for supplying and distributing narcotics in the Hub, across the city, and throughout four different states. This is just part of the remarkable public-safety work our officers are doing in the Bronx – which is leading the entire city in crime reduction. Thank you to the NYPD’s Bronx Narcotics Major Case Squad and the Bronx District Attorney’s Office for their commitment to shutting down these criminal organizations and restoring safety to our streets.”



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District Attorney Clark said that 27 of the defendants were arrested and arraigned from June 9 through 12, 2026 before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Giyang An. Four alleged suppliers/leader are charged with Operating as a Major Trafficker. If convicted of that charge they face up to life in prison. Three of them--Miguel Santiago AKA Chance, of the Prada organization; Milagros Jimenez AKA La Vieja, of the Bugatti organization; and Luis Castro AKA Cagua, who is associated with Prada and Bugatti—were remanded. The fourth, Anthony Cruz, AKA Menor, was arrested in Florida on June 12, 2026. Four defendants are still being sought.

According to the year-long investigation by Narcotics Borough Bronx Major Case Unit and the Bronx DA's Special Investigations Bureau, the Ghost organization operated in the Hub—where East 149th Street, Third Avenue and Melrose Avenue meet—and the Prada, TikTok, Brook and Bugatti operated within a few blocks of the Hub, within the 40th Precinct.

The investigation traced the deadly narcotics trade from the lowest level to the major supplier. According to the investigation, each organization had a supplier who trafficked kilos of fentanyl, a leader, managers, street dealers and runners. Thousands of glassines of fentanyl were sold.

Each indictment variously charges the defendants with numerous counts of varying degrees of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance, and Conspiracy.

Twelve search warrants were executed on June 9-11, and nine additional people who were at those locations but not on the indictments were arrested and charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance. In addition to the fentanyl and methamphetamine recovered, a kilo of cocaine and \$100,000 was seized during the searches.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Bridget Killen and Alexia Senkiw, and Alessandra Ambrosi, Supervisor in the Special Investigations Bureau, under the supervision of Ronald Sannicandro, Deputy Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau and Allison Riesel, 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 Investigations Division and Wanda Perez Maldonado, Chief of Investigations Division.



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District Attorney Clark thanked Trial Preparation Assistant Xherardina Lukaj, Trial Preparation Assistants Supervisor Jeanette Pol, BXDA Detective Investigators Greg Maloney and Jairo Jativa, NYPD Detective Daniel Angen of the Bronx DA's Squad, Technical Investigation Bureau Chief Peter Kennedy, Digital Forensics Lab Director Selena Ley and Digital Forensic Examiners II Julie Moy and John Bilski for their assistance with the case.

District Attorney Clark thanked NBBX Major Case Unit: Lt. Daniel Maria, Sgt. William Rojas, Sgt. Adlai Pinney, Sgt. Joseph Burckhard, and Detectives Joseph Boyer, Michael Cohen, Nelson Nin, Daniel Boylan, Adrian Wynne, Jason Merchan and Robert Jaquez for their work on the investigation.

District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Sergeants Tim Marx and Willy Briggs of the 40th Precinct, and Intelligence Research Specialist Ashley Taveras of NYPD Intelligence Division, Intelligence Analysis Unit, and NYPD- FBI Violent Threat Initiative Task Force Detective Joseph Spina.

BUGATTI INDICTMENT

JIMENEZ, MILAGROS AKA LA VIEJA
CASTRO, LUIS AKA CAGUA
COLON, JUAN
GONZALEZ, ALEJANDRO AKA ALEX
CRUZ, LEONIDES
AKA THE GIRL
AKA THE BOY

BROOK INDICTMENT

ALVAREZ, ELAINE
OCASIO, ALBERTO AKA AD
PEREZ, JOSE AKA VIEJO
ACEVEDO, JORGE AKA PILON
RIVERA, STEVEN
RODRIGUEZ, JOSE

PRADA INDICTMENT

SANTIAGO, MIGUEL AKA CHANCE
CASTRO, LUIS AKA CAGUA
COLON TORRES, ANIBAL AKA ANIBAL ROLON TORRES
LAMBERTY, SABRIEL AKA HEAVY
CRUZ, EDWIN



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TIKTOK INDICTMENT

CRUZ, ANTHONY AKA MENOR
RIVERA-COLON, JULIERIES AKA MAFIA
MARTINEZ, JOSE AKA BORY
MELENDEZ, ANGEL
DEPAULA, JOSE AKA JONSUE DEPAULA AKA NEGRO
CASTRO, FELIX
RESTO, JOSE

GHOST INDICTMENT

RAMOS, ANDY
ORTIZ, HOMMY AKA SNIPER

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