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Meth Trafficking Operation Taken Down with Wiretaps

Montgomery County District Attorney Risa Vetri Ferman, along with Chief James P. Leary of the Souderton Police Department, Chief Robert McDyre of the Lansdale Borough Police Department, Chief Mark A. Toomey of the Hatfield Police Department, Francis L. Carroll, III, of Lower Providence Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Agency -Philadelphia Field Division, report the arrest of thirty two (32) suspects for their roles in conducting a methamphetamine trafficking organization in Montgomery and Philadelphia counties.

In 2011, detectives from the Montgomery County District Attorney's Narcotics Enforcement Team (NET) began receiving information about the drug trafficking activities of Hatfield residents: Francesco Messina, Jeffrey Penna, and David Penna. Further investigation led detectives to the drug trafficking activity of Troy Dudas of Limerick Township. This case became a high priority due to public safety concerns surrounding the distribution and use of such a hazardous and dangerous drug.

Based on this information, the Montgomery County District Attorney applied to the Superior Court of Pennsylvania for the use of wiretaps and electronic surveillance on cell phones utilized by Francesco Messina and Troy Dudas. District Attorney Risa Vetri Ferman received permission from the Pennsylvania Superior Court to intercept the cell phones of both Messina and Dudas. These intercepts and diligent police work from the Montgomery County Narcotics Enforcement Team, the Montgomery County Drug Task Force, and other local police departments, exposed a corrupt organization trafficking methamphetamine that plagued our citizens and neighborhoods.

The wiretap interceptions began on February 8, 2012 and concluded on February 29, 2012 when 14 search warrants were executed throughout Montgomery and Philadelphia counties. One of those locations was "Cosmo Motors", a large auto-body shop at 101 E. Blaine Street, Lansdale, Pa. At these locations quantities of methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia, and firearms were recovered and seized.

Detectives discovered the structure of the organization consisting of meth distributers, users, and pushers. This methamphetamine trafficking organization was exposed as a "family affair." Among the main targets are brothers Jeffrey and David

Penna who used and distributed methamphetamine from Jeffrey Penna's residence in Hatfield Township. The Penna brothers were joined by Frank Messina in this distribution network. Messina used and distributed methamphetamine to several people including his own sister-in-law Lisa Messina. Conversations between Frank and Lisa Messina were intercepted by law enforcement detailing their method of operation in the distribution and use of this powerful drug. This investigation also revealed links to a Philadelphia methamphetamine distribution ring headed by brothers Juan and Antonio Encarnacion. These networks continued to operate until they were shut down by Montgomery County law enforcement.

The following were charged with Corrupt Organizations and Violations of the Drug Act:

1. Francesco "Frank" Messina, 719 Schwab Road, Hatfield, PA 19440



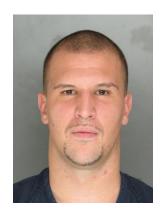
2. Troy Dudas, 111 Mine Run Road, Schwenksville, PA 19473



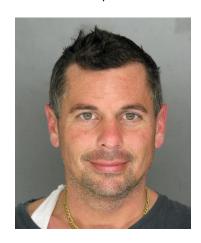
3. Todd Slawecki, 42 Orchard Court, Royersford, PA 19468



4. Robert Glorioso, 1295 Cabin Road, Hatfield Township, PA 19440



5. Jeff Penna, 1295 Cabin Road, Hatfield Township, PA 19440



6. Dave Penna, 1898 Valley Forge Road, Lansdale, PA 19446



7. Jeff Martinez, 3822 North 6th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19140



8. James Trull, 1447 Old Skippack Road, Harleysville, PA 19438



9. Antonio Encarnacion Perales, 1002 N. Marshall St 2nd floor Phila, PA 19145



10. Vanessa Ramos, 1002 N. Marshall St 2nd floor Phila, PA 19145



11. Juan M. Encarnacion, 3921 N. 6th Street Philadelphia, PA 19145



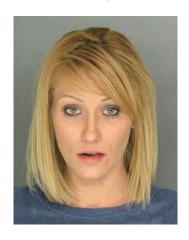
12. Kent Lee Seprauskie "Gadget", 55 Meng Road, Schwenksville, PA



13. Timothy Beck, 55 Meng Road Schwenksville, PA



14. Kristina Popelarski, 385 Greenwood Avenue, Collegeville, PA 19426



15. Joel Jay Payumo, aka Marissa Devine 251 E. Thompson St., Philadelphia, PA 19145



16. Joseph "Phoenix" Croxton, 1734 Tasker Street, Floor 1, Philadelphia, PA 19145



17. Dan Ells, 225 East 2nd Street Apartment B, Lansdale, PA 19446



18. Rodney Creciun, 108 Stump Road, North Wales, PA 19454



19. John Griffith, 1626 Sheffield Drive, Blue Bell, PA 19422



The following defendants were charged with Violations of the Drug Act:

- 20. Ronald Krauss, 10 South Towamencin Avenue, Lansdale, PA 19446.
- 21. Jamie L. Hamburg, 27 Lincoln Avenue Floor 2, Lansdale, PA 19446
- 22. Anthony Lagrotte, 149 North 3rd Street, Telford, PA 18969
- 23. Carmen Iannelli, 2382 Orchard Lane, Gilbertsville, PA 19525

- 24. John J. Welsh III, 1150 Schwab Road, Hatfield, PA 19440
- 25. Lisa Messina, 2564 Morris Road, Lansdale, PA 19446
- 26. Donald L Preston, 72 Roboda Boulevard, Royersford, PA 19468
- 27. Kevin Saldutti, 1415 East Hewson Street, PA 19125
- 28. Ryan Burns, 804 Marlbrook Lane, Lansdale, PA 19446
- 29. Norman R. Russell Jr., 3275 Bergey Road, Hatfield, PA 19440
- 30. Thomas McGoldrick, 1 Boro Line Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406
- 31. Keith Chasteen, 251 E. Thompson Street, Philadelphia, PA 19145
- 32. Judy Cress, 913 Township Line Road, Phoenixville, PA 19460.

The defendants were arraigned on Wednesday, May 2, 2012 and Friday, May 4, 2012 by Magisterial District Judge Andrea Duffy, District Court 38-1-18, 601 Bethlehem Pike, Montgomeryville, PA 18936. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for May 11, 2012 at 10 a.m.

Approved for release:

Risa Vetri Ferman

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