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DRUG TRAFFICKER DAVID PACHECO OF EAST NORRITON RECEIVES 40- TO 80-YEAR STATE PRISON SENTENCE TODAY



NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Nov. 29, 2017) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele announced that convicted drug trafficker David Pacheco, 46, of East Norriton, was sentenced today to 40 to 80 years for trafficking 27 kilos of heroin concealed in working car batteries. The sentence will be followed by 10 years of probation.

In handing down one of the longest drug sentences in Montgomery County history, the Honorable Garrett D. Page noted that this should serve as a deterrent to others who might go down this path. He noted that Pacheco, “ended up in a very bad situation for greed” and cited expert testimony that the heroin that Pacheco trafficked had a street value of more than \$8.9 million.

Pacheco was arrested on Jan. 10, 2016, at the King of Prussia toll plaza of the Pennsylvania Turnpike with 3.012 kilos of a white substance that when analyzed by National Medical Services was determined to be heroin. His arrest was the culmination of the “Operation EverStart” investigation and surveillance of Pacheco, headed up by Montgomery County Detectives. The investigation found that between September 2015 and his arrest, Pacheco had made nine trips to Atlanta, where he received kilos of heroin in retrofitted, working car batteries. He then drove back through Montgomery County to Bronx, N.Y., to service wholesale heroin buyers in New York City, then would return to Atlanta with the cash.

On Aug. 10, 2017, a jury found Pacheco guilty of nine counts of Possession with Intent to Deliver, one count of Criminal Conspiracy for Possession with Intent to Deliver, two counts of Dealing in the Proceeds of Unlawful Activity, and nine counts of Criminal Use of a Communications Facility.

“We severed an artery with this arrest and conviction of Pacheco. But there are more drug traffickers and drug dealers to shut down—and we are looking for them,” said Steele. “Judge Page sent a clear message today to heroin dealers thinking about peddling their poison in Montgomery County. If you are convicted, you are going away for decades.”

The case was prosecuted by District Attorney Steele and Assistant District Attorneys Robert Kolansky and Kelly Lloyd.

Approved for release:

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