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## Ten Indicted Following more than 70 Sales of Narcotics at Brooklyn's Farragut Houses

Bridget G. Brennan, New York City's Special Narcotics Prosecutor, New York City Police Commissioner James P. O'Neill and Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez announced today the arrest and indictment of 10 individuals in connection with an investigation that involved more than 70 sales of heroin and crack cocaine in the vicinity of the Farragut Houses, a New York City Housing Authority residential development bordering the Brooklyn Navy Yard and in the Fort Greene neighborhood of Brooklyn.

Nine separate indictments filed by the Office of the Special Narcotics Prosecutor are the result of a long-term investigation by the New York City Police Department's (NYPD) Brooklyn North Narcotics Major Case Squad. The arrests and arraignments began yesterday, with arraignments continuing today before Manhattan Supreme Court Justice Felicia Mennin, Part 22, 111 Centre Street. The defendants face a combined 59 counts of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree.

While the indictments do not contain charges related to acts of violence, the long-term investigation began in response to a spike in crime at the housing development in 2017, including shootings and community complaints about narcotics trafficking and threats of violence. The Farragut Houses consist of 10 residential buildings that are home to more than 3,000 residents.

Beginning in November of 2017, the 10 loosely affiliated defendants allegedly made dozens of sales of heroin and crack cocaine to NYPD undercover officers in the hallways, stairwells and elevators of the Farragut Houses, as well as surrounding areas and nearby businesses. During the investigation, the defendants allegedly set up sales with customers through phone calls and text messages.

Special Narcotics Prosecutor Bridget G. Brennan thanked members of her office's Trial Division, Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez and the NYPD's Brooklyn North Narcotics Major Case Squad for their work on the investigation.

"The arrests announced today will bring relief to residents of Farragut Houses, who believed their safety and security was jeopardized by open drug dealing within the complex," Ms. Brennan said. "I commend Kings County District Attorney Eric Gonzalez and the NYPD for their commitment to improving quality of life for everyone in Brooklyn."

Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez said, "These defendants were allegedly involved in selling narcotics in and around the Farragut Houses, putting the innocent and hardworking people who live there

at risk. This investigation began as a response to complaints about an uptick in crime in the area. Thanks to the work of our law enforcement partners at Special Narcotics and the New York City Police Department, as well as members of the community, these residents are safe from these alleged drug deals and the violence that often accompanies them.”

Police Commissioner James P. O’Neill said, “The NYPD is relentless in our commitment to keep all New Yorkers safe, and ensuring they feel safe, too. Through receptive policing that addresses community concerns, and by leveraging our strong relationship with the Special Narcotics Prosecutor, we are removing drug dealers from our city’s streets and housing developments and preventing the violence that is so often associated with such criminal activity.”

| <b>Indictments</b>                           | <b>Charges</b>                        |
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| Andre Butts<br>Brooklyn, NY<br>9/15/1994     | CSCS 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 11 cts         |
| Kerrin Cross<br>Brooklyn, NY<br>9/5/1979     | CSCS 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 7 cts (Cross)  |
| Randy Morris<br>Brooklyn, NY<br>1/21/1977    | CSCS 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 cts (Morris) |
| Richard De Jesus<br>Brooklyn, NY<br>9/3/1964 | CSCS 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 9 cts          |
| Jesus Gomez<br>Brooklyn, NY<br>11/20/1962    | CSCS 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 4 cts          |
| Dontre Bradley<br>Brooklyn, NY<br>11/17/1995 | CSCS 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 2 cts          |
| Robert Demaio<br>Brooklyn, NY<br>4/19/1988   | CSCS 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 6 cts          |
| Allen Rivers<br>Brooklyn, NY<br>11/27/1956   | CSCS 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 6 cts          |
| Theresa Spruill<br>Brooklyn, NY<br>8/25/1957 | CSCS 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 4 cts          |
| Charles Victor<br>Queens, NY<br>10/17/1962   | CSCS 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 7 cts          |

The charges and allegations are merely accusations and the defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.