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Gregory A. White, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, Anthony C. Marotta, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Drug Enforcement Administration for Ohio, Robert Fiatal, Superintendent of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Identification, Drew Alexander, Sheriff, Summit County, Ohio, and Neal Hassinger, Sheriff, Medina County, Ohio, today announced the unsealing of two indictments.

The first, a superseding indictment, charges the following 17 defendants with violations of narcotics and money laundering charges:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Last Known Address</u>
Horacio Zelaya-Villalobos	28	Cleveland, Ohio
Omar Santiago Correa	23	Cleveland, Ohio
Ramon Omar Gonzales	25	Puerto Rico
Kevin Terrell Tyler	47	Medina, Ohio
Oscar D. Palacios	39	Cleveland, Ohio
Margarito Alejandres Farias	54	Chelsea, Massachusetts
Felipe Villalobos-Bonilla	39	Mission, Texas
Eduardo Romero	28	Charlotte, N. Carolina
Nelly Romero	27	Charlotte, N. Carolina
Tamica S. Moorer	37	Euclid, Ohio
Arthur Stanley Paul	56	Akron, Ohio
Herman Dennis	60	Akron, Ohio

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Last Known Address</u>
Janet Tyler-Hill	52	Akron, Ohio
Terrence McKellar	32	Cleveland Heights, Ohio
Donovan Newby	46	Cleveland, Ohio
Carlyle Lynch	37	Cleveland, Ohio
Robert Miller, aka "Pun"	31	Cleveland, Ohio

This indictment charges defendants Horacio Zelaya-Villalobos, Omar Santiago Correa, and Ramon Omar Gonzales in Count 1 with conspiracy to distribute cocaine and in Count 2 with possession with intent to distribute cocaine. Gonzales is also charged with conspiracy to distribute cocaine in Counts 3 and 41. Gonzales is presently a fugitive. Kevin Terrell Tyler, Oscar D. Palacios, Margarito Alejandres Farias, Felipe Villalobos-Bonilla, Eduardo Romero, Nelly Romero, Tamica S. Moorner, Arthur Stanley Paul, and Herman Dennis are charged in Count 3 with conspiracy to distribute cocaine and marijuana. Kevin Terrell Tyler, Tamica S. Moorner, and Janet Tyler-Hill are charged in Count 5 with conspiracy to launder monetary instruments. Kevin Terrell Tyler is also charged in Counts 6 through 40 with substantive counts of laundering monetary instruments. Further, the indictment charges Terence McKellar, Donovan Newby, Carlyle Lynch, and Robert Miller, aka "Pun," with conspiracy to distribute cocaine in Count 41. This indictment also has forfeiture provisions which requires the forfeiture of cash and assets which represent proceeds of the unlawful activity or property used to facilitate the unlawful activity.

The second indictment which was unsealed charges 13 defendants in Count 1 with conspiracy to distribute at least 1,000 kilograms of marijuana. Those charged in Count 1 are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Last Known Address</u>
Chevaliee G. Robinson	29	Tallmadge, Ohio
Amanda Carrington	30	Tallmadge, Ohio
Arlene F. Robinson	48	Akron, Ohio
Guy Sebastiani	37	Tallmadge, Ohio
Michelle Vanderhoff	31	Tallmadge, Ohio
Charles L. Sykes	29	Akron, Ohio
Aaron McCloud	47	Akron, Ohio
Nolan C. Kendrick	42	Akron, Ohio

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Last Known Address</u>
Reginald Dove, Jr.	29	Akron, Ohio
Alvin Smith	53	Clinton, Ohio
Robert Zehe	30	Akron, Ohio
Navoise E. Gardner	36	Atlanta, Georgia
Shcoma N. Gardner	35	Atlanta, Georgia

Chevaliee G. Robinson, Amanda Carrington, and Arlene F. Robinson are charged in Count 2 with conspiracy to launder monetary instruments and in Count 3 with possession with intent to distribute approximately 1,081 pounds of marijuana.

These indictments are the result of a long-term investigation which began at least as early as Fall 2005. The investigative techniques used included court-ordered wire-taps, search warrants, electronic tracking devices, and undercover operations.

The indictment charging Horacio Zelaya-Villalobos, et al. charges that the individuals acted to import large quantities of cocaine from Mexico and southwestern United States into the Akron, Ohio, area. The indictment alleges that Horacio Zelaya-Villalobos and Felipe Villalobos-Bonilla provided large quantities of cocaine to two drug trafficking organizations. One organization, which is headed by Akron native, Kevin Terrell Tyler, is described in the conspiracy charged in Count 3. Count 3 charges that Kevin Tyler received and distributed at least 1,800 kilograms of cocaine between May 2004 and February 2006. Count 3 alleges that Kevin Tyler insulated himself from the organization, and thus law enforcement, by using others to deliver cocaine and money to the suppliers. Further, it alleges that Kevin Tyler protected himself by speaking guardedly on the telephone and frequently changing his cellular telephones. In Count 4, Tyler and other members of his family and immediate associates are charged with conspiring to take drug proceeds and invest them in businesses and bank accounts. The indictment charges that in May of 2006, Kevin Tyler delivered \$99,980.00 in U.S. Currency to a person he believed to be a corrupt banker. That person actually was an agent acting in an undercover capacity as a corrupt banker who would take cash proceeds from illegal activity and infuse the proceeds into the banking system.

Count 41 of the indictment charges a second group of individuals who distributed cocaine in the Cleveland, Ohio, area. The indictment alleges that that group received its cocaine from Felipe Villalobos-Bonilla through contacts with Horacio Zelaya-Villalobos.

The second indictment charges the Chevaliee G. Robinson drug trafficking organization with distributing marijuana from at least as early as January 1999 up to and including November 24, 2007. The allegations set forth in this indictment are that Chevaliee G. Robinson and Nolan C. Kendrick procured large amounts (at least 4,500 kilograms) of marijuana from sources of supply in southern Texas, southwestern United States and Mexico. The marijuana was transported to the Akron, Ohio, area where it was further distributed. The indictment sets forth that during the course of the investigation, more than \$3 million in U.S. Currency was seized by law enforcement, including a seizure of \$2,835,114.00 in U.S. Currency from 829 Jean Avenue, Akron, Ohio, on March 4, 2006. Also seized that day was over 1,081 pounds of marijuana from the same location.

Further, this indictment charges Chevaliee G. Robinson, Amanda Carrington, and Arlene F. Robinson with conspiracy to launder monetary instruments. Count 2 sets forth that Robinson took proceeds of marijuana trafficking and used them to purchase and/or lease vehicles, personal property and real estate. This indictment calls for the forfeiture of just over \$2,800,000.00 and other assets which represent proceeds of drug trafficking or property that was used to facilitate drug trafficking.

These cases are the result of a long-term investigation and the combined effort of many law enforcement officers from across the state and nation. This was the result of an extraordinary effort of agents, officers, local law enforcement, and members of the staff of the United States Attorney's Office.

The indictments were preceded by an Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) investigation conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Identification, the Summit County Drug Unit (SCDU), the Medina County Drug Task Force (MCDTF), with assistance from the Summit County Sheriff's Office, the Medina County Sheriff's Office, the Medina County Prosecutor's Office, the Fairlawn Police Department, the Brunswick Hills Police Department, the Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, the Euclid Police Department, the Westlake Police Department, the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Ohio HIDTA, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

The Summit County Drug Unit is a task force which includes the Summit County Sheriff's Office, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Identification, the Akron Police Department, the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department, the Barberton Police Department, the Copley Police Department, the Stow Police Department, the Springfield Township Police Department, the

Twinsburg Police Department, the University of Akron Police Department, the Summit County Prosecutor's Office, DEA, FBI, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms, and the Reminderville Police Department.

The DEA task force is comprised of the Geauga County Sheriff's Office, the Lorain County Drug Task Force, the Cleveland Police Department, the Cleveland Heights Police Department, the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office, and others.

The successful completion of this investigation and these cases should have a major impact on northeast Ohio communities as investigators have determined that these two organizations are responsible for a major portion of marijuana and cocaine being brought into the Summit County, Ohio, area.

The sentences in these cases, upon conviction, may be determined by the Court after consideration of the advisory Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which depend upon a number of factors unique to each case, including the defendant's prior criminal record, if any, the defendant's role in the offense and the unique characteristics of the violation. In all cases, the sentence will not exceed the statutory maximum and in most cases it will be less than the maximum. However, in these cases most of the defendants face a mandatory minimum ten years incarceration pursuant to statute.

The cases are being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Robert E. Bulford.

An indictment is only a charge. It is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is entitled to a fair trial, in which it will be the government's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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