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**SALISBURY DEFENDANTS INDICTED FOR
DRUG CONSPIRACY AND MONEY LAUNDERING**

BALTIMORE, Maryland - United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein announces that a federal grand jury has indicted Paul Apostolopoulos, age 35; his wife, Wendy Apostolopoulos, age 36; his brother, Dominick Apostolopoulos, age 30; and Andres Morales, age 37, all of Salisbury, Maryland for crimes committed in connection with a conspiracy to distribute and possess with the intent to distribute controlled substances and a conspiracy to launder drug proceeds.

The nine-count indictment returned on July 12 and unsealed today upon the arrests of the defendants, charges that from 1999 to 2005 each of the defendants conspired to distribute and possess with the intent to distribute cocaine hydrochloride, cocaine base and heroin. The indictment further alleges that Paul and Dominick Apostolopoulos, and Morales, conspired to launder the drug proceeds. Paul Apostolopoulos is also charged with distribution of cocaine hydrochloride between September 12, 2002 and January 15, and with distribution of heroin on October 10, 2002. Morales is charged with distribution of cocaine hydrochloride between February 11, 2005 and March 11, 2005. The indictment also seeks forfeiture of \$1,500,000, real property and several automobiles.

Federal search and seizure warrants were executed today by the Drug Enforcement Administration, Internal Revenue Service, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and other law enforcement agencies at the homes of the defendants and two businesses associated with Paul and Wendy Apostolopoulos: Pestos Bar and Grill, 401 Snow Hill Road, Salisbury, Maryland; and Pool Tables Plus, Delaware. The defendants had their initial appearances in federal court today. Wendy Apostolopoulos was released under the supervision of U.S. Pretrial Services. The other defendants were detained and have detention hearings scheduled for Monday, July 18, 2005 at 1:30 pm.

Each of the defendants faces a maximum sentence of life imprisonment and a minimum sentence of 10 years followed by 5 years of supervised release and a fine of \$4,000,000 for the drug conspiracy. Paul and Dominick Apostolopoulos and Morales face a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison followed by 3 years of supervised release and a fine of \$250,000 for money laundering.

Paul Apostolopoulos faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison followed by 4 years of supervised release and a fine of \$2,000,000 under each of the three counts for distribution of cocaine hydrochloride. He also faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison followed by 3 years of supervised release and a fine of \$1,000,000 for distribution of heroin. Morales faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison followed by 4 years of supervised release and a fine of \$2,000,000 for distribution of cocaine hydrochloride.

An indictment is not a finding of guilt. An individual charged by indictment is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at some later criminal proceedings.

The criminal charges in this indictment are the result of an Organize Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) investigation by: the Drug Enforcement Administration, Baltimore District Office, Salisbury Post of Duty; the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Baltimore Field Office, Salisbury Resident Agency; the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation Division; the Wicomico County Narcotics Task Force; Somerset County Narcotics Task Force; Worcester County Narcotics Task Force; the Salisbury City Police Department; and the United States Attorney's Office. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Angela White.