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Acting United States Attorney, David C. Weiss, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Resident Agent in Charge, William R. Hocker, Internal Revenue Service—Criminal Investigations (IRS-CI) Assistant Special Agent in Charge Troy Stemen, and Newark, Delaware Police Chief Paul M Tiernan, announced the unsealing of a twenty-three month joint investigation into a major marijuana and cocaine drug trafficking organization that operated in Newark and Wilmington, Delaware.

The investigation, which began with a nine-pound seizure of high-grade marijuana from PATRICK MARCEY, a former University of Delaware student, has culminated in the prosecution of eight individuals for cocaine, marijuana, money laundering, and firearms offenses. To date, federal and local law enforcement officers have seized five residences, seven vehicles, a boat, and United States Currency in the amount of \$420,677.00 dollars. The total value of the assets seized at this time is approximately \$1.75 million dollars.

The individuals charged are as follows:

- ANDREW POLLNER, age 28, Wilmington, pleaded guilty to Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute 1,000 Kilograms or more of Marijuana and 5 Kilograms or more of Cocaine. POLLNER stipulated in his plea agreement that he was responsible for possessing or distributing between 1,000 to 3,000 kilograms of marijuana and 15 to 50 kilograms of cocaine. POLLNER also pleaded guilty to Money Laundering and to Conspiracy to Make a False Statement in Connection with Purchasing a Firearm. As part of his plea agreement, POLLNER agreed to forfeit the following assets: a 2004 Lexus GX 470, property located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,

and United States Currency in the amount of \$632,246.00. His sentencing date has not yet been scheduled.

- ADAM D. KRAMER, age 28, Wilmington, pleaded guilty to Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute 1,000 Kilograms or more of Marijuana and 5 Kilograms or more of Cocaine. KRAMER stipulated in his plea agreement that he was responsible for possessing or distributing between 1,000 to 3,000 kilograms of marijuana and 15 to 50 kilograms of cocaine. As part of his plea agreement, KRAMER agreed to forfeit a 2003 Ford Taurus. A sentencing date has not yet been scheduled.
- PATRICK J. MARCEY, age 29, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, pleaded guilty to Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute 50 Kilograms or more of Marijuana, and to Maintaining a Residence for Keeping Marijuana. He agreed as part of his plea agreement that he was responsible for possessing or distributing between 400 to 700 kilograms of marijuana. MARCEY also agreed to forfeit a 2000 Lincoln Continental, a 2006 Honda Civic and approximately \$47,097 in United States Currency. He is scheduled to be sentenced on April 22, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.
- JOHN HENRY, age 31, Bear, Delaware, pleaded guilty to Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute 50 Kilograms or more of Marijuana, and to Maintaining a Residence for Keeping Marijuana. HENRY agreed as part of his plea agreement that he was responsible for possessing or distributing between 400 to 700 kilograms of marijuana. HENRY also agreed to forfeit his residence in Newark, Delaware, which the organization used as a marijuana stash house. On April 13, 2009, the District Court sentenced HENRY to a term of imprisonment of 12 months, with 6 months to be served in a work release program and the remaining 6 months to be served on home detention with electronic monitoring.
- LEWIS J. BUSBY, age 65, Wilmington, DE, pleaded guilty to Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute 50 kilograms or more of Marijuana, and to Maintaining a Residence for Keeping

Marijuana. BUSBY agreed that he was responsible for possessing or distributing between 400 to 700 kilograms of Marijuana. In addition, BUSBY agreed to forfeit a blue and white “Boston Whaler” boat, which he used to transport marijuana to customers in Tampa, Florida. His sentencing date has not yet been scheduled.

- WILLIAM ZAMLONG, age 29, Morristown, New Jersey, pleaded guilty to Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute 500 grams or more of Cocaine, and to Maintaining a Residence for the Purpose of Distributing Cocaine. ZAMLONG stipulated as part of his plea agreement that he was responsible for possessing or distributing between 5 to 15 kilograms of cocaine. He also agreed to forfeit approximately \$23,070.00 in United States Currency. ZAMLONG is due to be sentenced on April 20, 2009, at 4:30 p.m.
- HARRY COOK, age 31, of Claymont, Delaware was indicted by a federal grand jury on one count of Attempted Possession with Intent to Distribute of 500 grams or more of Cocaine, as well as two counts of Possession with Intent to Distribute Marijuana. The District Court has scheduled a guilty plea hearing on April 16, 2009, at 12:00 p.m.
- GEORGE SHERWOOD, age 44, of Delta, Pennsylvania, was charged in a two-count Information with Attempted Possession with Intent to Distribute Marijuana, and with Possession with Intent to Distribute Marijuana. The District Court has scheduled a Waiver of Indictment and guilty plea hearing on April 15, 2009, at 10:00 a.m.

Acting U.S. David C. Weiss said, “This lengthy federal investigation demonstrates our commitment to dismantling major drug trafficking organizations that operate in Delaware. The joint investigation capitalized on the collective strengths of the DEA, IRS-CI, and the Newark Police Department. I applaud our law enforcement partners for their thorough drug and financial investigation that shut down this significant drug organization which preyed on University of Delaware students. Our

office will continue to vigorously investigate and prosecute drug trafficking organizations going forward.”

DEA Resident Agent in Charge William R. Hocker stated, “This investigation is the epitome of tenacity, perseverance, and partnership in law enforcement. The tireless efforts of the Newark Police Department, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, IRS-CI, and the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Delaware, culminated in the disruption and dismantlement of a sophisticated drug trafficking organization with international ties. The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration will remain steadfast and united with state and local law enforcement in their relentless pursuit of drug traffickers at all levels.”

Troy Stemen, Assistant Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigations, stated, “Money laundering constitutes a serious threat to our nation’s economy. IRS-CI has the financial investigators and expertise that is critical to following the money and locating assets. We are committed to working with the Drug Enforcement Administration, other law enforcement agencies, and the United States Attorney’s Office to successfully investigate and prosecute the offenders.”

Newark Police chief Paul M. Tiernan stated “The Newark Police Department is committed to providing high quality, professional police service to our community. Accordingly, the Newark Police Department has enjoyed a long lasting partnership with our federal law enforcement counterparts, including the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigations, and the United States Attorney’s Office for the District of Delaware. Clearly this investigation has made a significant impact in our community, as well as surrounding areas. We will continue our efforts to effectively combat drugs in our community and work together with our allied law enforcement agencies.”

This case is being prosecuted by Robert F. Kravetz, Assistant United States Attorney. For further information, contact Acting United States Attorney David C. Weiss at (302) 573-6277.
