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NORTH TEXAS HEROIN RING INDICTED ON FEDERAL CHARGES

(Sherman, TX) A Federal Grand Jury has indicted four North Texas residents on drug charges in the Eastern District of Texas. **ANGEL SIERRA**, 28, of Dallas, **ALBERTO SIERRA**, 26, of Dallas, **NATHANIEL EDWARD GONZALEZ**, 20, of Richardson, and **MELANIE DANIELLE CAPLE**, 18, of Richardson were indicted for conspiracy to distribute over 100 grams of heroin.

According to information presented in court, conspirators sold heroin to persons in North Texas, including a male juvenile in Plano resulting in his death from a heroin overdose.

Angel Sierra and Alberto Sierra appeared before United States Magistrate Judge Don D. Bush on Tuesday, November 8, 2005 for an initial appearance and will have detention hearings tomorrow. Gonzalez is being detained awaiting trial. Caple was released on restrictive conditions while awaiting trial.

It is important to note that an indictment is merely a charge and should not be considered as evidence of either guilt or innocence. All defendants are considered innocent until proven guilty.

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The case is being investigated by the Plano Police Department, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Dallas Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Assistant U.S. Attorney Tracey Batson is prosecuting the case.

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