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### **Wiretaps Reveal International Drug Network Impacting Montgomery County and Region**

Montgomery County District Attorney Risa Vetri Ferman along with the following law enforcement officials report on the arrests of 32 suspects involved in the trafficking of heroin, cocaine, and methamphetamine:

- Bucks County District Attorney David Heckler
- Delaware County District Attorney Jack Whelan
- Philadelphia County District Attorney Seth Williams
- Pennsylvania State Police (PSP), Bureau of Criminal Investigation Drug - Law Enforcement Division, Major Andrew Ashmar
- Lower Providence Township Police Chief Francis L. Carroll
- Plymouth Township Police Chief Joseph Lawrence
- Norristown Police Chief Mark Talbot
- Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA - Philadelphia), Acting Special Agent in Charge Jonathan A. Wilson

In January, 2014, agents from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA - Philadelphia Field Division) briefed detectives from the Montgomery County Narcotics Enforcement Team (NET) about a heroin trafficking wiretap investigation being conducted in Medellin, Colombia. The purpose of this briefing was to alert NET to a probable connection to heroin trafficking in Montgomery County.

DEA shared with NET several international telephone calls between a Colombian-based trafficker and a resident of Norristown. A seasoned NET detective listened to the phone calls and recognized the voices. This detective had investigated those persons in two prior, separate investigations in the mid-1990s. The Colombian drug trafficker was confirmed as Juan Carlos Jaramillo-Gonzalez and the Montgomery County resident as Michael Daly. Both of these persons had been convicted in federal court in the 1990s. They developed a relationship with each other, and with Angelo Betancourt, Jr., while incarcerated in a federal facility.

Montgomery County NET launched an investigation of Michael Daly and Angelo Betancourt, Jr. DEA and the Colombian National Police monitored the activities of Juan Carlos Jaramillo-Gonzalez. NET developed a confidential informant who provided information about Michael Daly selling heroin and cocaine in Montgomery County. In October 2014, NET learned that Michael Daly had supplied a known Norristown drug dealer with "bundles of heroin" for resale. At that point, NET made this investigation a priority due to the rise in heroin-related overdoses in Montgomery County.

In August, 2014, detectives from the Bucks County District Attorney's Office provided Montgomery County NET with information on the trafficking of Crystal Methamphetamine. Norristown residents Douglas Ehrhart and Charles "Butchie" Termine were identified as sources of Crystal Methamphetamine supply.

At the time, the information from Bucks County did not seemingly relate to the previously described investigation. The DEA tip had referred to the drug heroin and the Bucks County information involved Crystal Methamphetamine. Therefore, the leads were initially pursued as two separate investigations. Later, NET learned the targets were connected after analyzing phone records linking the targets.

In October, 2014, a concerned citizen called the Montgomery County District Attorney to report Crystal Methamphetamine trafficking. District Attorney Ferman forwarded the call to NET detectives who met the complainant that afternoon. The concerned citizen related how a member of his family experienced severe mental and physical side effects from Crystal Methamphetamine addiction. This concerned citizen provided sufficient information for detectives to identify her alleged suppliers, including Norristown resident Doug Ehrhart.

Due to the complexity of the cases that involved dangerous drugs, the Montgomery County District Attorney applied for wiretaps. On December 5, 2014, the Honorable William H. Platt, Senior Judge of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania approved Court Orders authorizing the wiretaps on Michael Daly's cellular phones, Charles Termine's cellular phone, and Douglas Ehrhart's cellular phone.

Wiretap evidence from the Termine and Ehrhart phones confirmed their involvement in Crystal Methamphetamine trafficking in Montgomery County.

On December 16, 2014, detectives saw an opportunity to seize a package of Crystal Methamphetamine shipped to Termine and Ehrhart by a drug supplier in Ventura, California. Detectives seized approximately ten (10) ounces of Crystal Methamphetamine on that day. In order to maintain secrecy of ongoing wiretaps, Termine and Ehrhart were not immediately charged. However, seizing their supply of Crystal Methamphetamine essentially put them out of the drug business.

Detectives then focused on Michael Daly and Angelo Betancourt. On January 2, 2015, the Honorable James J. Fitzgerald, III, Judge of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania, issued Court Orders authorizing the target-specific wiretap of Angelo Betancourt, Jr. On January 12, 2015, the Honorable James J. Fitzgerald, III issued a Court Order authorizing the target-specific wiretap of Angelo Betancourt, Jr.'s newly discovered cellular telephone.

By wiretapping phones, detectives learned of pending meetings between Michael Daly, Angelo Betancourt, and their drug customers. Some of these meetings were inside homes, and therefore detectives could not directly observe drug transactions. However, the wiretaps provided evidence that drug transactions actually did occur.

For example, on January 21, 2015, detectives learned that drug supplier Angelo Betancourt was to meet drug buyer Brian Beckett. With that knowledge, detectives were able to set up surveillance on Beckett's residence beforehand. Detectives videotaped Betancourt arriving at Beckett's residence, located along 77th Avenue in Philadelphia. After staying inside for a few minutes, Betancourt departed. Detectives carefully reviewed the video surveillance; Betancourt had a large-sized package concealed in his jacket when he entered. Detectives later confirmed Betancourt had delivered nine (9) ounces of cocaine on that occasion.

In January, 2015, detectives intercepted communications between Michael Daly and Angelo Betancourt regarding their concern Douglas Ehrhart might be cooperating with law enforcement. Betancourt agreed to deliver Daly one (1) ounce of Crystal Methamphetamine, and then planned to confront Ehrhart, with Daly in Norristown. Their strategy was that if they determined Ehrhart was not cooperating with police, they would front him with one (1) ounce of Crystal Methamphetamine. Ehrhart wanted to restart his drug business and needed a supply. Due to the concern about possible violence against Ehrhart, detectives arrested Betancourt and Daly before they located Ehrhart.

On January 23, 2015 at 8:40 PM, Betancourt arrived at Daly's residence on Main Street in Norristown, Pennsylvania. Shortly after Betancourt entered the apartment, Michael Daly placed two outgoing phone calls to Douglas Ehrhart. When those calls went unanswered, Betancourt and Daly exited the apartment. That is when detectives took action.

Detectives recovered the ounce of Crystal Methamphetamine from inside Daly's apartment along with cash proceeds of his prior drug sales. An additional ounce of Crystal Methamphetamine, cash, and a loaded handgun were recovered from Betancourt's vehicle.

Both Daly and Betancourt were arrested on January 23, 2015, and were arraigned on January 24, 2015. Michael Daly's bail was set at \$99,000 cash, and Betancourt's bail was set at \$1,000,000 cash.

Beginning that evening, twenty-nine (29) search warrants were served on persons and properties deemed significant in this drug conspiracy. Among the items of evidence seized in this investigation were the following:

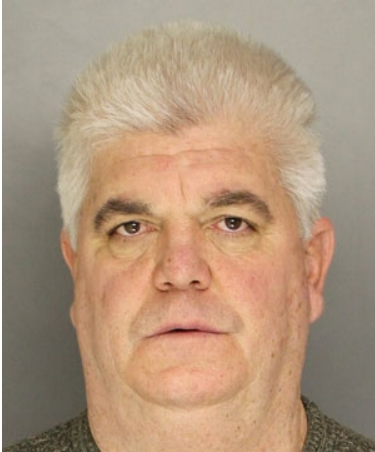
1. Crystal Methamphetamine (12.5 ounces – street value of \$70,000)
2. Cocaine (20 ounces – street value of \$37,800)
3. Numerous prescription pills
4. 8 firearms including handguns and rifles
5. 10 cellular telephones
6. 5 vehicles used to transport drugs
7. \$44,739 in cash and bank accounts – assets believed to be drug proceeds
8. Drug paraphernalia including 6 scales, numerous baggies including 3,000 heroin bags, and drug cutting agents. Of those cutting agents included the drug Xylazine, which is an animal/horse tranquilizer used to cut heroin.

On February 23, investigators filed criminal complaints against the following defendants for felony violations of the drug act:

1. Angelo M. Betancourt  
DOB: 3/2/1971  
Philadelphia, PA:



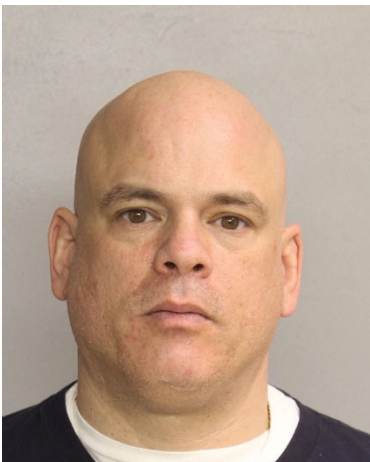
2. Michael Anthony Daly  
DOB: 2/7/1961  
Norristown, PA:



3. Douglas James Ehrhart  
DOB: 12/26/1962  
Norristown, PA:



4. Charles J. Termine  
DOB: 3/7/1968  
Norristown, PA:



5. Brian Beckett  
DOB: 2/29/1968  
Philadelphia, PA
6. Mary Eileen Henning  
DOB: 6/4/1973  
Norristown, PA
7. Anthony Taverno  
DOB: 2/22/1944  
Norristown, PA
8. Glenn R. Titus III  
DOB: 9/13/1957  
Spring City, PA

The following persons are charged with felony use of a communications device and misdemeanor violations of the drug act:

9. Michael A. Casey  
DOB: 6/27/1969  
Norristown, PA
10. Michael L. Chant  
DOB: 2/5/1964  
Blue Bell, PA
11. Patricia Chant  
DOB: 3/28/1962  
Blue Bell, PA
12. Louise C. DeVincent  
DOB: 10/16/1970  
Norristown, PA
13. Stephen Edward Drum  
DOB: 1/14/1970  
Eagleville, PA
14. Terrence J. Fitzgerald  
DOB: 3/29/1957  
Eagleville, PA
15. Mayte Garcia  
DOB: 10/29/1955  
Norristown, PA
16. Glenn Ivan Gratz  
DOB: 5/4/1965  
Plymouth Meeting, PA
17. Tina M. Horrocks  
DOB: 8/28/1965  
Plymouth Meeting, PA
18. Jeffrey Hutchinson  
DOB: 3/7/1970  
Conshohocken, PA

19. Leonard A. Januzelli  
DOB: 8/19/1963  
East Norriton, PA
20. Christine Marie Kirk  
DOB: 8/20/1964  
Plymouth Meeting, PA
21. Jennifer R. Kozlowski  
DOB: 3/22/1968  
Bridgeport, PA
22. Warren Charles Layre  
DOB: 11/28/1952  
Conshohocken, PA
23. Todd A. Lewullis  
DOB: 4/6/1962  
Collegeville, PA
24. Eileen Nikki Loukidis  
DOB: 12/6/1960  
Blue Bell, PA
25. Richard K. Moulder  
DOB: 3/1/1960  
Perkiomenville, PA
26. Paul J. Quinn  
DOB: 9/15/1954  
W. Conshohocken, PA
27. Steven R. Ronca  
DOB: 10/25/1979  
Norristown, PA
28. Logan Ruth  
DOB: 11/30/1955  
Norristown, PA
29. Norman R. Russell, Jr.  
DOB: 1/29/1961  
Hatfield, PA
30. Krystal L. Schamerhorn  
DOB: 7/5/1994  
North Wales, PA
31. Thomas Mathew Tronoski  
DOB: 11/5/1957  
Blue Bell, PA
32. Ronald M. Turkowski  
DOB: 12/4/1956  
Philadelphia, PA

The cases will be prosecuted by the Captain of the Narcotics Unit, Assistant District Attorney Kelly Lloyd and Assistant District Attorney Rob Kolansky.

Approved for release:

Risa Vetri Ferman

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