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CHARGED:

NATANAEL RAMIREZ REYES 784 E TREMONT AVE APT 2C BRONX, NEW YORK 10460

EDWARD A. RODRIGUEZ VERAS 1930 GRAND CONCOURSE APT 1C BRONX, NEW YORK 10457

On May 1, 2022, the New Jersey State Police initiated a motorist aid along Interstate 80 in Allamuchy Township. Investigation revealed that the vehicle had a fraudulent New Jersey temporary license plate. Further investigation and a subsequent search of the vehicle revealed three hundred and nine (309) bricks of heroin. According to New Jersey State Police Office of Drug Monitoring & Analysis, a brick of heroin has an estimated street value of up to \$250. This seizure has a total approximate street value of \$75,500.

Rodriguez Veras was charged with the following offenses and held at the Warren County Correctional Center pending a detention motion:

- 1. One Count of Possession with the Intent to Distribute Controlled Dangerous Substance, First Degree, in violation of <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 2C:35-5(b). A first degree charge carries a maximum penalty of up to twenty (20) years New Jersey State Prison.
- 2. One Count of Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance, Third Degree, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10(a)(1). A third degree charge carries a maximum penalty of up to five (5) years New Jersey State Prison.
- 3. One Count of Obstruction Administration of Law, Fourth Degree, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:29-1(a). A Fourth degree charge carries a maximum penalty of up to eighteen (18) months New Jersey State Prison.

Ramirez Reyes was charged with the following offenses and held at the Warren County Correctional Center pending a detention motion:

1. One Count of Possession with the Intent to Distribute Controlled Dangerous Substance, First Degree, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-5(b). A first degree

- charge carries a maximum penalty of up to twenty (20) years New Jersey State Prison.
- 2. One Count of Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance, Third Degree, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10(a)(1). A third degree charge carries a maximum penalty of up to five (5) years New Jersey State Prison.

3. One Count of Exhibiting a False Government Document, Third Degree, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:21-2.1(c). A third degree charge carries a maximum penalty of up to five (5) years New Jersey State Prison.

The Defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty

Approved by:

Dated: May 2, 2022

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