



United States Attorney's Office Eastern District of Wisconsin

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## Father and Son Indicted on Drug Conspiracy

United States Attorney Matthew D. Krueger of the Eastern District of Wisconsin, announced that on August 20, 2019, a federal grand jury indictment was issued against Pedro Monarrez, Sr. (age: 68) and Pedro Monarrez, Jr. (age: 38) of El Paso, Texas and the Chicagoland area.

Monarrez Sr. and Monarrez Jr. face charges alleging they conspired to possess with intent to distribute and distributed kilogram quantities of heroin and cocaine in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 846.

If convicted of all of the charges, both men will face a minimum of ten years to life imprisonment in a federal prison and at least five years of supervised release along with up to a \$10 million fine.

This case was investigated by the North Central High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA), the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI), and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). It will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Gail J. Hoffman and Elizabeth M. Monfils.

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. The defendants are presumed innocent and are entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove them guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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