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## **ARRESTS MADE OF MARIJUANA DISTRIBUTION ORGANIZATION**

Orlando, Florida - United States Attorney Robert E. O'Neill announces the unsealing of a criminal complaint charging ARLONZO W. MOORE of Orlando, Florida, CHI TAM DANG a/k/a "Tam Dang" of San Leandro, California, ANGELICA MARIA JIMENEZ a/k/a "Angie Jimenez" of Orlando, Florida, JASON JESUS MARRERO of Orlando, Florida, JUSTIN W. YOUNG of Ocoee, Florida, VALERIE JOSEPH of Orlando, Florida, and THOMAS JAMES MCMATH of Orlando, Florida, with conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 100 kilograms or more of marijuana. If convicted, the defendants each face a minimum of 5 years up to 40 years in federal prison.

According to the criminal complaint, the defendants are involved in a drug trafficking organization that uses the United States Mail to distribute high grade (hydroponic) marijuana from Northern California to Orlando. DANG and others send the parcels from Northern California to addresses located throughout the United States, including Orlando. MOORE, JIMENEZ, MARRERO, YOUNG, JOSEPH, MCMATH, and other residents of Central Florida receive the parcels and distribute them to other members of the organization. MOORE and others send proceeds from the distribution of the marijuana back to DANG and others located in California.

The type of marijuana distributed by this organization can be sold in the Orlando, Florida area for over \$5,000 a pound. The total value of the marijuana distributed by this organization is estimated to be over \$2 million.

A criminal complaint is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of the federal criminal laws, and every defendant is presumed innocent unless, and until, proven guilty.

This case was investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service, United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the Metropolitan Bureau of Investigation. It will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Roger B. Handberg.

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