

Joint Agency News Release

Metropolitan Bureau of Investigation

U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration

Florida Department of Law Enforcement

*U.S. Immigration and Customs
Enforcement*

Florida Highway Patrol

Orange County Sheriff's Office

Local, State and Federal law enforcement agencies have completed an **eleven month** investigation into a **Mexico to Florida Cocaine smuggling operation**. The Florida based drug organization would transport the Cocaine throughout the United States. During the course of the investigation, **thirteen suspects** were apprehended, **three firearms**, and **nine vehicles** were seized. In addition, **Five and a Quarter Kilos of Cocaine**, valued at more than **\$100,000**, and **\$81,000** in U.S. Currency were also seized.

On Tuesday, April 26, 2005, search warrants were conducted at 6520 Stardust Lane, Orlando Florida, and 1376 West Point Villas Blvd, Winter Garden, Florida. Ten arrests were made and **Five and One Quarter Kilos of Cocaine** and \$64,000 in U.S. currency were recovered.

Four of the arrests occurred at 6520 Stardust Lane, Orlando, Florida, where **Five Kilos of Cocaine** and \$38,000 in U.S. currency were seized. Arrested were: **IGNACIO RODRIGUEZ-GONZALEZ, MARCO SOTO MAYOR-RODRIGUEZ, OTONIEL RODRIGUEZ-GONZALEZ,** and **FELIX CARRAZCO**.

Six arrests occurred at 1376 West Pointe Villas Blvd, Winter Garden, Florida, where approximately a **Quarter Kilo of Cocaine** and \$26,000 in U.S. Currency were seized. Arrested were: **JOSE TRINIDAD NAVARRO-CHAVEZ, FRANCISCO CARRAZCO-TAPIA, ELIEZER CARRAZCO, PEDRO CHAVEZ-SOTO, ADAN NAVARRO-CHAVEZ** and **SAMUEL CARRAZCO-TAPIA**.

On Monday, May 2, 2005, arrest warrants were served on **EVELIO SOLACHE** and **CARLOS BAEZ** and search warrants were conducted at 2603 Clearbrook Circle, Orlando, Florida and 2126 Kilmer Avenue, Apopka, Florida. Approximately \$12,000 in U.S. currency was seized at 2603 Clearbrook Circle, Orlando, Florida, the home of defendant **EVELIO SOLACHE**. Agents also seized approximately twenty pounds of Cannabis that was being stored in a Personal Mini Storage at 6550 Forest City Road, Orlando, Florida. Later in the day, the final defendant **ADRIAN ALANIZ**, was located and arrested by agents in Tampa, Florida. During the arrest another \$5,000 in U.S. Currency was seized.

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Defendants **ELIEZER CARRAZCO, FELIX CARRAZCO, ADAN NAVARRO CHAVEZ, IGNACIO RODRIGUEZ-GONZALEZ, OTONIEL RODRIGUEZ-GONZALEZ, and MARCO SOTO MAYOR-RODRIGUEZ** are charged with *Trafficking in Cocaine*. Defendants **EVELIO SOLACHE, CARLOS BAEZ, ELIEZER CARRAZCO, FELIX CARRAZCO and ADRIAN ALANIZ** are charged with *Conspiracy to Traffic in Cocaine* and **FRANCISO CARRAZCO-TAPIA, SAMUEL CARRAZCO-TAPIA, JOSE TRINIDAD NAVARRO-CHAVEZ, and PEDRO CHAVEZ-SOTO** are charged with *Possession of Cocaine*.

Eleven of the thirteen defendants are suspected illegal aliens from Mexico residing in Central Florida.

The prosecution is being conducted by the **Attorney General Charlie Crist's Office of Statewide Prosecution** as the offenses occurred in several Judicial Circuits.