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GUILTY VERDICT IN INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE "KILO" OF COCAINE CASE

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Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes has announced that a jury returned a guilty verdict on Friday, November 13, 2009 before the Hon. Raymond A. Reddin, J.S.C., in the prosecution of Juan Pablo Ortiz. Ortiz was convicted of First Degree Possession of Cocaine with the Intent to Distribute; third degree Possession of Cocaine and third degree Possession with the Intent to Distribute within 1,000 feet of School Property. Ortiz, 30 of the Bronx, N.Y., was arrested Tuesday, July 17, 2007 by members of the Passaic County Sheriff's Department. Sheriff's officers were alerted to a suspicious vehicle with two occupants who were transporting a "Kilo" of cocaine from New York into Paterson. Officers approached the vehicle at which time Ortiz took off in flight. After a brief chase, Ortiz was detained and brought back to the scene where the "Kilo" of cocaine was discovered on the passenger side of the vehicle in which he was a

passenger. Trial testimony commenced on November 5, 2009, with testimony by members of the Sheriff's Department and Det. Thomas Trommellen of the Paterson Police Department. Assistant Prosecutor Josh Vazquez was the trial attorney who led the prosecution of this matter. As a result of the conviction Ortiz faces a maximum of 20 years in States prison with 10 years before parole eligibility.