



# NEWS RELEASE

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## Man Sentenced for Drug Induced Deaths

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Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes announces that on July 28, 2017, Angel Hernandez, age 39, of Elmwood Park, New Jersey, was sentenced on two counts of Strict Liability for Drug Induced Deaths, a violation of NJSA 2C:35-9, a crime of the First Degree.

Passaic County Superior Court Judge Justine Niccollai sentenced Mr. Hernandez to thirteen years in state prison with the No Early Release Act (NERA) to apply, requiring eighty five percent of the sentence to be served before parole.

Mr. Hernandez, was responsible for supplying heroin which led to the overdose deaths in March 2015 of victims Eric Somesla, age 24, of Paterson, and the July 2015 overdose death of Daniel Renois, age 23, of Clifton.

For media inquiries concerning this case contact Chief Assistant Prosecutor Paul DeGroot of the Passaic County Prosecutor's Major Crimes Unit at [PDegroot@passaiccountynj.org](mailto:PDegroot@passaiccountynj.org) or 973-837-7671.



Angel Hernandez