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Press Release

DA Keating's Drug Task Force, Randolph PD seize \$250,000 in cocaine, 3 arrested

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A drug-sniffing dog led State Police detectives from the Norfolk DA's Drug Task Force and Randolph Police to a secret compartment in the basement of a Randolph home today, resulting in the seizure of more than \$250,000 in high purity cocaine and cash, according to District Attorney William R. Keating.

"People continue to die from drug overdoses and drug-related violence in every corner of Norfolk County," District Attorney Keating said. "It shatters families and it scars communities and we are going to continue disrupting the drug trade as aggressively as we can."

Jorge JUAN, DOB: 4-23-1958, was in the back yard of his home at 31 McAuliffe Road in Randolph when detectives arrived to execute a search warrant issued out of the Quincy District Court. Following the search, he was charged with Trafficking in Cocaine in an amount over 200 grams, MGL c. 94C, s. 32E(b)(4), which carries a maximum sentence of twenty (20) years in state prison. He will be arraigned in Quincy District Court Tuesday morning.

Detectives informed Keating tonight that although the seized powder had not yet been tested by a forensic lab, it appeared to be cocaine of a high grade and purity. Six kilos of pure cocaine mixed with cutting agents and repackaged for street sales could easily exceed a quarter million dollar street value, according to police. \$2,500 in cash was also seized.

"This is the result of two weeks of investigation and surveillance," District Attorney Keating. "This effort was greatly strengthened by Randolph Police Chief Paul Porter's dedication of resources to help make this happen."

On June 1, Juan's brother was arrested and charged with possessing a kilo of cocaine following a traffic stop in Milton earlier in the investigation. Joel Juan, DOB: 9/2/1963, of Miami and 31 McAuliffe Road, Randolph and his passenger, Harashii Juan Collazo, DOB: 10/16/1988, 50 Annafran Road, Roslindale, were charged with Trafficking in Cocaine in an amount over 200 grams, MGL c. 94C, s. 32E(b)(4), which carries a maximum sentence of twenty (20) years in state prison. Both men were also charged with Conspiracy to Violate the Controlled Substance Laws, which also carries the possibility of a 20 year sentence to state prison.

Both men pled not guilty at their arraignments the following day. Joel Juan posted \$50,000 cash bail and was released the following Friday.

Please note that, as in all criminal cases, those accused enjoy the Constitutional presumption of their innocence in court until proven guilty.

UPDATE: The defendant pled not guilty at his Quincy District Court arraignment on June 9, 2009 and was ordered held on \$1 million cash bail. He is due back in Quincy District Court for a probable cause hearing on July 10, 2009.

Any and all defendants mentioned are legally innocent until proven guilty.