

**COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
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Suffolk Heroin Task Force takes down local dealer network

The Suffolk County Heroin Task Force has dismantled a large heroin-cocaine distribution network responsible for the street sales of five kilograms of heroin and two kilograms of cocaine every two weeks in Suffolk County, District Attorney Thomas Spota said.

The District Attorney's Heroin Task Force has made 22 arrests thus far. The ring leaders and primary suppliers to mid-level dealers, Juan Smith, 25, of Valley Stream and Elvis Castro, 28, of Amityville, are charge with drug and weapons possession charges and conspiracy to distribute narcotics. Both men are incarcerated in lieu of \$5 million bail.

DA Spota said task force investigators seized more than \$200,000 in cash, thirteen firearms including an AR-15 assault rifle, kilos of heroin and cocaine, and packaging materials including glassine envelopes, cutting agents, and blenders,

"The investigation began over a year ago with undercover detectives making buys from street level dealers and we eventually established the link between the street level dealers to their suppliers,' DA Spota explained. "The Task Force ultimately identified defendants Smith and Castro, the major suppliers."

Members of the drug ring dealt heroin and cocaine to buyers in Brookhaven, Babylon and Islip townships," Spota said. Over the course of the investigation, the defendants sold to drug users in Setauket, Stony Brook, Nesconset, Miller Place, Hauppauge, Smithtown, St. James, Lindenhurst, Amityville, Copiague, West Islip, Islip, Bay Shore, Holbrook, and Ronkonkoma.

"The buyers met with sellers on side streets near Sunrise Highway or the LIE, and some regular customers, usually resellers of the drug, merited door-to-door delivery of heroin," District Attorney Spota said.

The DA added most buyers purchased bundles of heroin (10 bags to a bundle), and the ring's customers were as young as 22 and as old as 65.

"The three and one-half kilograms of heroin seized during the execution of search warrants is enough to fill approximately 100,000 bags, each bag worth five to ten dollars on the street," said DA Spota.

Defendant List

Elvis Castro (DOB: 6-11-86- 28y/o)
Locust Drive, Amityville, NY

Conspiracy 2nd – 1 count
Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 1st – 2 counts
Criminal Possession of a Weapon 1st – 1 count
Bail Status: \$5 million cash/\$10 million bond
Defense Attorney: Eric Naiburg

Juan Smith (DOB: 9-4-88- 25 y/o)
49 Meyer Avenue, Valley Stream, NY
Conspiracy 2nd - 1 count
Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 1st – 2 counts
Bail Status: \$5 million cash/\$10 million bond
Defense Attorney: Raymond Perini

Bryant Castro (DOB: 5-28-92- 22y/o)
232 Newman Street, Brentwood, NY
Criminal Possession of a Weapon 1st – 1 count
Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 1st – 2 counts
Bail Status: \$4 million cash/\$8 million bond
Defense Attorney: Steve Politi

Johnnaibys Nunez (DOB: 3-30-87-27 y/o)
3 Deauville Road, Copiague, NY
Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 1st – 2 counts
Criminal Possession of a Weapon 1st – 1 count
Bail Status: \$4 million cash/\$8 million bond
Defense Attorney: Paul Barahal

Juan Ferreira (DOB: 10-27-89-24 y/o)
465 N. Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY
Conspiracy 2nd – 1 count
Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 1st – 2 counts
Bail Status: \$2 million cash/\$4 million bond
Defense Attorney: Scott Gross

Anthony Adames (DOB: 12-9-91-22 y/o)
17 Walnut Road, Amityville, NY
Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 1st - 2 counts
Conspiracy 2nd – 1 count
Bail Status: \$2 million cash/\$4 million bond
Defense Attorney: William Collado

Devin Smith (DOB: 3-17-90-24 y/o)
49 Meyer Avenue, Valley Stream, NY
Conspiracy 2nd – 1 count

Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 1st – 2 counts
Bail Status: \$2 million cash/\$4 million bond
Defense Attorney: Keith O'Halloran

Kedwin Sanchez (DOB: 7-28-89-25 y/o/)

207 Bergen Court, Copiague, NY

Conspiracy 2nd

Bail Status: \$1 million cash/ \$2 million bond

Defense Attorney: Michael Castro

Brittany Cuiffo (DOB: 6-1-89- 25 y/o)

303 15th Avenue, W. Babylon, NY

Conspiracy 2nd

Bail Status: \$50,000 cash, \$100,000 bond

Defense Attorney: Lindsey Henry

Stefanie Martinez (DOB: 8-31-89-24 y/o)

522 48th Street, Lindenhurst, NY

Conspiracy 2nd

Bail Status: \$50,000 cash, \$100,000 bond

Defense Attorney: Jack Piana

Christopher Baessler (DOB: 5-25-83-31 y/o)

50 Brilner Drive, Smithtown, NY

Conspiracy 2nd

Bail Status: \$25,000 cash/ \$50,000 bond

Defense Attorney: Philip Murphy

Krystle Vera (DOB: 3-25-90-24 y/o)

39 Trafalber Drive, Shirley, NY

Conspiracy 2nd

Bail Status: \$10,000 cash/ \$ 25,000 bond

Defense Attorney: Not available

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FERREIRA**



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NUNEZ**



**DEVIN
SMITH**



**ANTHONY
ADAMES**



**KEDWIN
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