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California to Suffolk cocaine smuggling ring, four arrests, one suspect being sought

Press Advisory for Wednesday, August 3

Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota will announce Wednesday (August 3) the arrests of four men for their roles in running a California-to-Long Island cocaine smuggling operation. Over 30 kilos of cocaine have been seized with a street value of \$3 million, approximately \$900,000 in cash as well as eight luxury automobiles, some with secret compartments used to hide cocaine and cash during shipment to and from California and Suffolk County.

Exhibits will include the vehicles outfitted with custom-made secret compartments, the 32 kilos of cocaine, illegal steroids, cash as well as weapons, money counters and other paraphernalia.

The four men arrested are residents of North Babylon, West Babylon, Deer Park and Bay Shore. All of the defendants have been arraigned and an arrest warrant has been issued for one West Hollywood, California suspect.

Time: 12:30 pm

Where: Media Room on the first floor of the H. Lee Dennison Building, Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, New York. The motor vehicles seized during the investigation, four with secret compartments, will be in the north parking lot of the Dennison Building. The vehicles are a Mercedes, BMW, Cadillac Escalades (2), Jeep Cherokee, Chrysler 300, Nissan 350Z and a Lexus.

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