

Warrant Issued for Dominican Woman Who Failed to Appear for Trial in Federal Court

A Dominican national failed to appear in federal court in Boston yesterday morning for the first day of her trial; she was previously charged for her role in a widespread heroin and fentanyl conspiracy.

Isis Y Lugo-Guerrero, 46, a Dominican national residing in Dorchester, was arrested on Feb. 14, 2017, and charged with conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin, fentanyl, and cocaine. On March 2, 2017, Lugo-Guerrero was released from custody on \$10,000 unsecured bonds and additional conditions. The first day of her week-long trial was scheduled to begin today, but she failed to appear in court. U.S. District Court Judge Indira Talwani issued a warrant for Lugo-Guerrero's arrest.

Lugo-Guerrero is the sister of Jose Antonio Lugo-Guerrero, the convicted leader of a Boston-based heroin and fentanyl trafficking organization. Isis Lugo-Guerrero is alleged to have conspired with her brother and others by regularly obtaining heroin and cocaine from him and by supplying him with substances to cut his drugs to make additional profit.

Jose Antonio Lugo-Guerrero pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute more than one kilogram of heroin, more than 400 grams of fentanyl, and more than five kilograms of cocaine, and one count of possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. He faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years and up to life in prison. He is scheduled to be sentenced on Nov. 27, 2018.

The charge of conspiring to distribute heroin, fentanyl, and

cocaine provides for a sentence of no greater than 20 years in prison, a minimum of three years and up to a lifetime of supervised release, and a fine of up to \$1 million. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based on the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

United States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling made the announcement today. Assistant U.S. Attorney Ted Heinrich of Lelling's Narcotics and Money Laundering Unit is prosecuting the case.

The details contained in the charging documents are allegations. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.