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EMMAUS MAN CHARGED WITH INTENDING TO DELIVER LARGE QUANTITY OF COCAINE

An Emmaus man was charged Wednesday, February 25, with possession with intent to deliver a large quantity of cocaine after a drug investigation that culminated in his arrest in a parking lot at the Bieber Bus Terminal on Hamilton Boulevard in South Whitehall Township.

Osvaldo Andy Rivera, 39, of 1103 Arch St., also was charged with possession of cocaine.

The investigation was conducted by the Lehigh County Drug Task Force, which was assisted by Pennsylvania State Police, the Emmaus Police Department and the South Whitehall Township Police Department.

Police seized about one kilogram of cocaine with a street value of more than \$100,000.

During a search of Rivera's residence, police found a 9 mm handgun.

Rivera was arraigned Wednesday night and was committed to Lehigh County Prison under \$200,000 bail. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 2 p.m. March 5 in Lehigh County County Central Court.

As in every criminal case, the fact that an arrest has occurred or a complaint has been filed is merely an accusation, and the defendant, Osvaldo Andy Rivera, is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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