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Two men admitted smuggling 115 pounds of heroin worth...

NEW YORK -- Two men admitted smuggling 115 pounds of heroin worth \$70 million, inside espresso coffee machines packed on a ship from Italy.

John Notaro, 32, and Roy Rainieri, 30, both of Brooklyn, pleaded guilty Monday to the charges before U.S. District Court Judge Jack Weinstein.

The defendants, both natives of Italy, face up to 15 years in prison and fines of \$25,000 at sentencing July 30.

Federal Drug Enforcement Administration agents discovered the heroin -- stashed in 13 espresso machines -- Feb. 22 aboard the Italian cargo ship Arcadia in the port of Newark, N.J.

Customs officials became suspicious of a large steel container addressed to Notaro's gift shop in Brooklyn.

The agents opened the container and found coffee machines sealed with wax, apparently to keep dogs from sniffing the heroin, authorities said.

The agents traced the container to Notaro's shop, allowed the shipment to be delivered, and then arrested Notaro. They later arrested Raineri, a Brooklyn jeweler, and charged him with accompanying Notaro to Italy to arrange for the smuggling.

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