April, 2010 District Manager's Report

Highlights from the District Service Cabinet Meeting (3/10/10)

Fire House Renovations: It was reported the Engine Co. located at 139th Street (bet. Amsterdam Ave. and Hamilton Terrace) is scheduled to start renovations within the next two months renovations are scheduled to be completed in approximately 18 to 24 months.

Human Rights –NYC Media presents JOB HUNT on all local cable channels, tune into JOB HUNT to learn how to navigate today's job market, get the skills you need and find the right job. Watch real New Yorkers as they experience the triumphs and difficulties of searching for work, changing their careers, and finding the job that is right for them. For further info. visit www.nyc.gov/media

26th Pct. – Shooting reported in Manhattanville Houses, victim Male black, 30 yrs old shot in leg, victim left scene before seeking medical attention, shooter still at large video was obtained for police review.

PSA-6- Narcotics Sweep held in Grant Houses, Gang Members Identified and caught on camera selling Crack cocaine; 12 arrested 9 in custody.

Patrol Borough Manhattan North – Manhattan North NYPD/PAL Youth Programs 2010 schedule (see Flyer). For further information on any of the Programs or to get your child registered please contact Officer Herrschaft at (646) 246-3742.

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Parks Department – Renovation of Grants Pavilion is underway and will be finished by the end of Summer 2010. Parks Dept. personnel are working with DOHS in doing outreach at the "Cave" under the bridge at 145th Street. Outreach and assistance is being offered to homeless individuals for permanent housing, job assistance, and medical assistance.

Health Dept. – Bed bug infestations are increasingly common in New York City. There are steps that can be taken to prevent bed bugs from infesting your home. When bed bugs are present, they can be safely controlled. A guide is available to help you: Learn more about bed bugs and how they thrive; Prevent bed bugs from infesting your home; Safely rid your home of bed bugs if they do occur; Select and work with a pest control professional. For further info. please visit the Health Department's website at www.nyc.gov .

Announcements:

Free Health Clinic at St. Mary's Church, 521 W. 126th Street on Tuesday's 5:30p.m. – 8:30p.m.

Census – Manhattan Community Board No. 9 will be co-hosting a "March to the Mailbox/Bodega Blitz" with the Census Bureau on Saturday, April 10, 2010 from 137th – 150th Streets, from 10:30a.m.-3:30p.m. Volunteers are welcome, for further information and registration please contact the Board Office at (212) 864-6200 (see attached Flyer)

WE ACT for Environmental Justice – is hosting a Northern Manhattan Community Forum on environmental exposures such as indoor air pollutants, household products, personal care products, pests, cell phones, cosmetics, bedbugs, mold and lead poisoning. Dr. Linda Birnbaum, Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences will discuss efforts underway to protect human health and the environment in communities herd in New York and across the nation. (See attached Flyer)

Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer – presents Sexual Assault Awareness Month "Day of Action" Take a Stand Against Sexual Assault held on Tuesday, April 20, 2010, from 6-8p.m. at the NY Academy of Medicine, 1216 Fifth Avenue, Rm. 20 @E. 103rd Street. To RSVP, please call (212) 669-4465 or email events @manhattanbp.org

National Park Service is hosting the **188th birthday of General Ulysses S. Grant** on Tuesday, April 27, 2010 from 9a.m. to 4p.m. Costumed re-enactors will demonstrate how soldiers lived and fought during the Civil War on the north side of the memorial. As part of the living history program, there will also be black powder demonstrations periodically from 9:30 to 11a.m. For further information please call (212) 666-1640 or visit their website @ www.nps.gov/gegr.

Submitted by,

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District Manager – 4/8/10

Manhattan North NYPD/PAL Youth Programs
2010

PAL COPS AND KIDS PROGRAMS

These programs bridge the gap between police and youth. High school students play alongside police officers in soccer, flag football, basketball, softball and volleyball. Leagues are formed in all these sports in Manhattan North and the winning teams from each sport represent Manhattan North in a city wide tournament to determine the city champs. In Manhattan North this program brings together over 75 officers and 200 kids. Get your command involved with these competitive leagues and make a difference in the lives of the youth of the city.

PAL TENNIS PROGRAM

This program is held at the Harlem Armory PAL. Located at 143rd st and Lenox ave. Instructional tennis lessons for beginners and intermediate players are given every Monday at 4pm and Sundays 3:30pm for youth ages 7-13. This program is year round taking a break in July and August. Instructions are given by a tennis pro and an NYPD officer. An annual Cops VS Kids tennis tournament is held in July with food and trophies given away.

PAL 28PCT BASKETBALL CLINIC

April 5th 5-8pm

This youth basketball clinic is open to boys and girls ages 7-10. This program will be held during different times of the year at the Harlem Armory. This intensive training conducted by police officer from the 28pct and officers from youth service division, will have your child playing their best basketball. Along with this program there will be guest speakers, drug and gang awareness presentations given by the NYPD and much more.

MANHATTAN NORTH MENTORING PROGRAM

March 30th 4pm

Meeting will be held at the 28pct Tuesdays on a bi-weekly basis. This program is open to all Manhattan North high school students looking to achieve their best. Come join us for open rap sessions, communities projects, college tours, cops and kids sports, trips, dance parties and much more. Through this program youth will develop self esteem and confidence to achieve there best. Officers from the 28pct, youth services unit and other Manhattan North commands will be participating in bringing out the best in each child.

For information on any of these programs or to get your child registered please contact Officer Herrschaft at 646-246-3742

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY VANCE ANNOUNCES INDICTMENTS OF MEMBERS OF DRUG ORGANIZATIONS

Cocaine and Crack Cocaine Sales Made Inside Grant Houses, Near Two Schools

Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance, Jr. announced today the indictments of 11 individuals operating in and around the Grant Houses, located in the Harlem area of Manhattan.1[1] The individuals principally sold cocaine and crack cocaine, with less frequent heroin sales. Many of the felony drug sales occurred in the vicinity of P.S. 125, an elementary school located at 425 West 123rd Street, and I.S. 286, an intermediate school located at 509 West 129th Street.

The 10-month investigation, code-named "Grant Denied," was a joint endeavor between the Manhattan District Attorney's Homicide Investigation Unit and the New York City Police Department. The investigation was the result of community complaints regarding criminal activity in the area which included the distribution of street-level narcotics, as well as a number of drug-related shootings and robberies.

"Drug dealing threatens the safety of our children and pushes families and businesses out of our communities," said District Attorney Vance. "This Office is committed to improving the quality of life for the approximately 4,000 residents of the Grant Houses, and will continue to pursue investigations leading to these types of serious felony cases. I want to thank the NYPD for its partnership in these arrests and indictments, and in driving crime down across our borough."

New York City Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly said: "Crime in public housing was down by 14 percent citywide last year, and down by 26 percent in Manhattan's Grant Houses in 2009 because of operations like 'Grant Denied,' in which NYPD undercover officers documented the sale of heroin and cocaine in the housing development over the last six months. Officers also seized a handgun and took 11 accused drug dealers to jail. We launched the New Year reminding dealers that if they return to public housing to sell drugs we will return to arrest them."

The defendants in "Grant Denied" were indicted in four separate indictments, including conspiracy indictments against the "M-Set Grant Houses Organization," and the

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1[1] The charges contained in the indictments are merely allegations, and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

"Grant Houses Organization," and stand alone indictments against PETER RODRIGUEZ, and DUWAN MILLER.

DUWAN MILLER was indicted for 3 counts of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Second Degree and one count of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree. All of MILLER's charged drug sales in the Second Degree were of powder cocaine to an undercover police officer in the vicinity of the Grant Houses. The drug sale in the Third Degree involved the sale of 51 packets of heroin with the brand name "Sugar Hill."

The indictment against the "Grant Houses Organization" charges 3 defendants with Conspiracy in the Second Degree and includes charges of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Second Degree, Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, and Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in or Near School Grounds.

LAWRENCE FRANKLIN, RASHEED MINGUES, and BASHIR TRIGGS were all charged with Conspiracy in the Second Degree. The "Grant Houses Organization" primarily sold crack cocaine in clear plastic twists in the vicinity of 1315 Amsterdam Avenue which is located inside the Grant Houses. According to the indictment, the "Grant Houses Organization" sold wholesale amounts of crack cocaine and were also engaged in the street-level distribution of crack cocaine within the Grant Houses. Defendant FRANKLIN was also indicted for Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Second Degree for selling more than a half-ounce of crack cocaine to an undercover police officer in the Grant Houses. MINGUES was also indicted for Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree and Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in or Near School Grounds for selling crack cocaine to an undercover police officer in the Grant Houses. TRIGGS was also indicted for Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree and Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in or Near School Grounds for selling crack cocaine to an undercover police officer in the Grant Houses.

The indictment against the "M-Set Grant Houses Organization" charges 6 defendants with Conspiracy in the Second Degree and includes charges of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the First Degree, Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Second Degree, Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, and Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in or Near School Grounds, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree. DONNIE FIGUEROA, CAREY GRACE, LEONARD JACKINS, HOZIE ROWELL, AARON RICE, and ERIC SANDERS were all charged with Conspiracy in the Second Degree. According to the indictment, the "M-Set Grant Houses Organization" sold crack cocaine in clear plastic twists, plastic baggies, and vials in the vicinity of 3170 Broadway, which is located inside the Grant Houses. They also sold crack cocaine in the vicinity of 75 La Salle St., which is located inside the Grant Houses. According to the indictment, the "M-Set Grant Houses Organization" sold both wholesale amounts of crack cocaine and were also engaged in the street-level distribution of crack cocaine within the Grant Houses.

As charged in the indictment, members of the "M-Set Grant Houses Organization" refer to themselves as either "Murder-Set" or "Money Comes First." A number of the defendants communicated through public MySpace accounts and their profiles included an "M-Set" ticker, photos depicting members of the "M-Set Grant Houses Organization" flashing Crips-related gang signs, and a newspaper article related to a 2005 investigation and

indictment against the Grant Houses "M-Set" Crips, which included some of these defendants.

Defendant FIGUEROA was also indicted for five counts of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree and five counts of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in or Near School Grounds for selling crack cocaine to an undercover police officer in the Grant Houses.

Defendant GRACE was also indicted for two counts of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree and two counts of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in or Near School Grounds for selling crack cocaine to an undercover police officer in the Grant Houses.

Defendant JACKINS was also indicted for Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the First Degree, two counts of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Second Degree, and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree for selling crack cocaine to an undercover police officer in the Grant Houses. One of the drug sales to the undercover police officer was for over two ounces of crack cocaine.

Defendant ROWELL was also indicted for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Fourth Degree. ROWELL was in possession of 20 vials of powder cocaine.

Defendant RICE was also indicted for Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, and Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree. The weapons charge stems from the execution of a court-authorized search warrant on his apartment, in which RICE was found to be in possession of two loaded firearms, a .380 caliber Hi Point which was operable, and a .380 caliber Jennings which was inoperable.

Defendant SANDERS was also indicted for Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the First Degree and two counts of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Second Degree for selling crack cocaine to an undercover police officer in the vicinity of the Grant Houses. SANDERS is also charged with the drug sale to an undercover police officer for over two ounces of crack cocaine.

District Attorney Vance thanked NYPD Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly, Chief of the Organized Crime Control Bureau Anthony Izzo, Chief JoAnne Jaffe of the Housing Bureau, Chief of the Gang Division Robert Boyce, Lieutenant Keith Loughran, Lieutenant Edward Barry, Sergeant Kevin Mulqueen of the Bronx Gang Squad, Detectives from the Bronx Gang Squad, Lieutenant Jason Savino of the Housing VIPER Unit, various Undercover Police Officers from the Gang Division, and members of the 32nd Precinct Anti-Crime Unit, the 26th Precinct Detectives Squad and PSA 6.

Assistant District Attorney Eric Arnone of the Homicide Investigation Unit presented the cases to the Grand Jury under the supervision of Christopher Conroy, Deputy Unit Chief of the Homicide Investigation Unit, and Assistant District Attorney Luke Rettler, Chief of the Homicide Investigation Unit. Chief Investigator Joseph Pennisi, Assistant Chief Terrance Mulderrig, and members of the Homicide Investigation Unit of the New York County District Attorney's Office also participated in the investigation.

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY VANCE ANNOUNCES CONVICTION INTEGRITY PROGRAM

Groundbreaking Step in Effort to Prevent Wrongful Convictions

DA Vance: Program to Employ the Best Science, the Best Training, and the Best National Practices

District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance, Jr., today announced a comprehensive initiative by the New York County District Attorney's Office to seek to prevent wrongful convictions and address claims of actual innocence. The Conviction Integrity Program will consist of three components: a Conviction Integrity Committee, a Conviction Integrity Chief, and an outside Conviction Integrity Policy Advisory Panel.

"As District Attorney of New York County, I am proud to supervise more than 500 of the finest prosecutors in the country," District Attorney Vance said. "Our Assistant District Attorneys have prosecuted some of the most important and complex cases anywhere. Their work has helped to significantly reduce crime in this city, and has always been guided by an abiding concern that the right person be brought to justice.

"But the criminal justice system is subject to human error and thus can be fallible," DA Vance continued. "As prosecutors, it is our duty to bring our best efforts to bear in every case to ensure that only the guilty are convicted. And if we have any reason to believe that we have prosecuted or are prosecuting someone who is actually innocent, we must take prompt steps to investigate the matter and see that justice is served. This Program is not aspirational – it is a modern, comprehensive structure to minimize wrongful convictions by evaluating the merits of each case, in the earliest stages of an investigation and beyond, guided by the best science, the best training, and the best national practices."

The Conviction Integrity Committee, comprised of 10 senior members of the District Attorney's staff, will review practices and policies related to case assessment, investigation, and disclosure obligations, with a focus on potential errors such as eyewitness misidentifications and false confessions.

DA Vance has appointed Bonnie Sard, a senior Assistant District Attorney, to the newly-created position of Conviction Integrity Chief. She will report directly to the District

Attorney and the Office's General Counsel. ADA Sard will coordinate the activities of the Committee, and with the Committee will lead the re-investigation of any cases that present a meaningful claim of actual innocence.

In addition, DA Vance announced the formation of a Conviction Integrity Policy Advisory Panel. The Panel is comprised of leading criminal justice experts, including former New York Court of Appeals Judge Howard Levine, former New York State Commissioner of Criminal Justice Services Denise O'Donnell, Innocence Project Co-Founder Barry Scheck, as well as legal scholars and former prosecutors. The Panel will advise the Office on national best practices and evolving issues in the area of wrongful convictions.

The Innocence Project Co-Founder Barry Scheck said: "This innovative program will take us one step closer to preventing wrongful convictions before they occur, and freeing the innocent. This is a bold approach to a problem that plagues our country, and must be addressed without fear. It is my hope that the work done by the Manhattan DA's Office will be emulated by prosecutors across the U.S. I applaud District Attorney Vance for making this issue a top priority, and moving swiftly to implement this comprehensive program."

Former Commissioner O'Donnell said: "I applaud District Attorney Vance for launching this aggressive and comprehensive Conviction Integrity Program. Like so many other innovative programs which the Manhattan District Attorney's Office has spearheaded in the past, this will prove to be a national model for prosecutors' offices to follow to address the most vexing criminal justice problem of our time."

The Policy Advisory Panel will include:

Rachel E. Barkow, a Professor of Law at New York University School of Law. Professor Barkow teaches criminal law and has written, lectured, and testified before Congress on an array of issues, including criminal and constitutional law, sentencing, and the structure of prosecutors' offices. She is also the Faculty Director of the Center on the Administration of Criminal Law at New York University.

Zachary W. Carter, former United States Attorney for the Eastern District. As U.S. Attorney, Mr. Carter led several prosecutions of nationwide significance. He is now a partner at Dorsey & Whitney LLP, where he co-chairs the firm's white collar practice group.

Richard H. Girgenti, former New York State Director of Criminal Justice and Commissioner of the Division of Criminal Justice Services. Mr. Girgenti is currently the National and Americas Leader for KPMG LLP's Forensic Services, and has served as a member of KPMG's Board of Directors.

Bruce A. Green, Louis Stein Professor of Law and the Director of the Louis Stein Center for Law and Ethics at Fordham University School of Law. Professor Green, who previously served in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York,

writes widely on issues on prosecutorial ethics and wrongful convictions. He also serves as Chair-elect of the ABA's Criminal Justice Section.

Howard A. Levine, former judge of the New York State Court of Appeals. Judge Levine is currently a judge who a senior counsel at Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP. Prior to his tenure on the New York Court of Appeals, he served as an Associate Justice on the Appellate Division (Third Department), and as District Attorney of Schenectady County.

Robert J. McGuire, former Commissioner of the New York City Police Department. Mr. McGuire also served as Chairman and Chief Executive of Pinkerton's Inc., and subsequently, President of Kroll Associates, an international investigation firm. He is formerly an Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District.

Denise O'Donnell, former New York State Commissioner of Criminal Justice Services and Deputy Secretary for Public Safety. In that capacity, Ms. O'Donnell supervised all New York State criminal justice and homeland security agencies. Prior to her tenure at DCJS, she served as U.S. Attorney for the Western District of New York, and as a litigation partner at Hodgson, Russ LLP.

Mechthild (Mecki) Prinz, PhD, Director of the Forensic Biology Department in the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner of New York City. Dr. Prinz has been involved in many high profile criminal cases, and worked on identifying victims of the 9/11 attacks. She oversees evidence examination and DNA testing for homicides, sexual assault cases, property crimes, and other criminal cases for New York City.

Barry C. Scheck, co-founder and co-director of the Innocence Project. The Innocence Project, a nonprofit legal clinic affiliated with the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law at Yeshiva University, has been responsible in whole or in part for exonerating most of the 250 men and women nationwide to be cleared through post-conviction DNA testing. Mr. Scheck also serves as a Professor of Law at Cardozo Law School.

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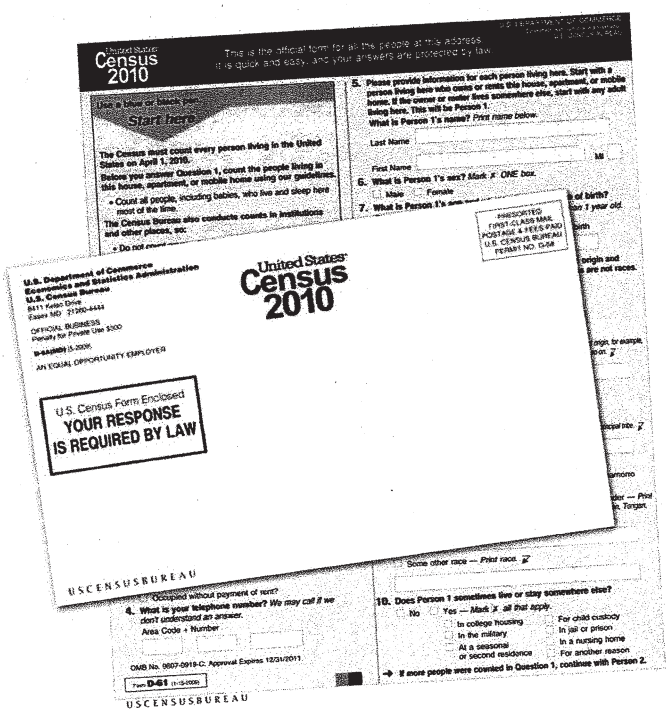
it's not too late to participate!

Join thousands of 2010 Census partners and volunteers across New York, New Jersey and the rest of the nation in motivating people to fill out and mail back their 2010 Census forms. This historic event will feature neighborhood rallies, entertainment, giveaways and more!



"March to the Mailbox"

Saturday, April 10, 2010

With

Manhattan Community Board No. 9

On

Amsterdam Ave.

Bet. (137th Street – 150th) Streets

10:30 am to 3:30 pm

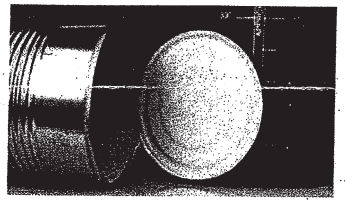
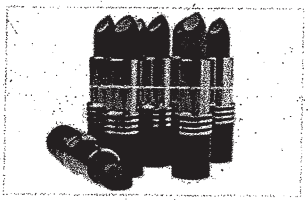
For more info. please call the Manhattan Community Board 9 Office @ (212) 864-6200

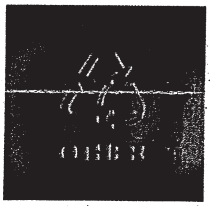
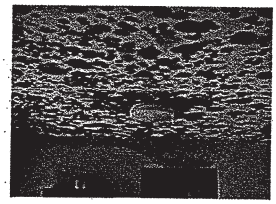
The 2010 Census forms are in the mail! Make sure your community receives its fair share of more than $400 billion in federal funding every year for the next 10 years.

United States Census 2010

WE CAN'T MOVE FORWARD UNTIL YOU MAIL IT BACK!

WE ACT for Environmental Justice and the Columbia Center for Environmental Health in Northern Manhattan invite you to Healthy Homes and You: A Community Forum

(picture source: NIEHS website)

What: **The Northern Manhattan Community Forum** is an opportunity to learn about environmental exposures such as indoor air pollutants, household products, personal care products, pests, cell phones, cosmetics, bedbugs, mold and lead poisoning. Dr. Linda Birnbaum, NIEHS director, will discuss efforts underway to protect human health and the environment in communities here in New York -- and across the nation.

When: April 13, 2010, 6:00-8:00 PM

Where: Harlem School of the Arts
645 Saint Nicholas Avenue (between W. 142nd and W. 143rd)
New York, NY 10030

Panelists: Representatives from WE ACT for Environmental Justice, Columbia NIEHS Center for Environmental Health in Northern Manhattan, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and Little Sisters of the Assumption Family Health Service

Childcare and light refreshments will be provided.

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