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Fourteen drug traffickers arrested in Brownsville: crack-cocaine, marijuana and three guns seized

BRIDGET G. BRENNAN, New York City's Special Narcotics Prosecutor, and RAYMOND W. KELLY, New York City Police Commissioner, announced today the indictment and arrests of 11 loosely-affiliated drug traffickers who sold crack-cocaine in the vicinity of Pitkin Avenue in Brownsville, Brooklyn. An additional three individuals who have not been indicted were arrested during the execution of search warrants.

The arrests began early yesterday morning and continued throughout the day. Arraignments for the indicted defendants are scheduled for today before Manhattan Supreme Court Justice Michael Sonberg at 111 Centre Street.

Members of the NYPD's Narcotics Bureau Brooklyn North executed two search warrants inside apartments at 1800 Pitkin Ave. A search of Apt. 2F yielded three loaded handguns – a 9mm, a .380 caliber and a .40 caliber with a high capacity magazine – as well as approximately 200 zips of crack-cocaine and \$300 cash. Police also recovered individual packages of marijuana that were sealed inside Sour Patch candy wrapping. These items were hidden in a safe inside the stove. Drug paraphernalia was also seized from Apt. 2J.

The residential building at 1800 Pitkin Ave. gained notoriety following a tragic murder in October 2011, when a 34-year-old woman was killed by a stray bullet as she picked up her child after school. In carrying out the shooting, the gunman, a resident of 1800 Pitkin Ave., ran into the building and retrieved a weapon from an apartment. He then went to roof, where he fired a hail of bullets into the street below. None of the defendants who were arrested yesterday are charged in the October homicide.

The new arrests are the culmination of a nine-month investigation, dubbed Operation "In the Ville," in which undercover officers made 69 purchases of crack-cocaine for approximately \$4,000. Many of the drug traffickers in this case were in their late teens and early 20s.

At the outset of the investigation, drug transactions took place at the Brownsville Houses, a New York City Housing Authority complex. The investigation expanded to 1800 Pitkin Ave., where drug traffickers made sales in the stairwells, and other locations in the vicinity, including a Chinese restaurant and a laundromat.

Charges against the 11 indicted defendants are contained in 4 indictments. Two residents of 1800 Pitkin Ave., SHARRON WAYNE and SHARIEFF JACOBS, are charged in the same indictment, along with three other defendants who belonged to the same crew. SHARRON WAYNE was sleeping inside Apt. 2J when police arrived. Sharron Wayne's brother, RASHAD WAYNE, one of the unindicted defendants arrested yesterday, was inside 2F when police seized the three firearms, the crack-cocaine and the marijuana.

A second indictment charges JAMOL DONEGAN and two additional defendants he operated with were arrested yesterday. JAMOL DONEGAN was also sleeping at 1800 Pitkin Ave., Apt. 2J when police arrived. A third indictment charges two defendants together and the final indicted defendant is charged alone. RASHAD WAYNE and two additional unindicted defendants are charged in criminal complaints.

INDICTED DEFENDANTS

CHARGES

Indictment 1

Sharieff Jacobs 06/26/1995 1800 Pitkin Ave., Apt. 2A	Conspiracy 4 th degree – 1 ct CSCS 3 rd degree – 6 cts
Shaquan Johnson 4/13/1994 290 Blake Ave., Apt. 5C	Conspiracy 4 th degree – 1 ct CSCS 3 rd degree – 2 cts
Leonard Kelly 08/31/1958 180 Powell St.	Conspiracy 4 th degree – 1 ct CSCS 3 rd degree – 1 ct
Jason Malave 02/11/1995 365 Sackman Ave., Apt. 5D	Conspiracy 4 th degree – 1 ct CSCS 3 rd degree – 11 cts
Sharron Wayne 06/14/1991 1800 Pitkin Ave., Apt. 2F	Conspiracy 4 th degree – 1 ct CSCS 3 rd degree – 6 cts

Indictment 2

Michael Brown 11/25/1988 365 Sackman Ave., Apt. 15F	Conspiracy 4 th degree – 1 ct CSCS 3 rd degree – 3 cts
Jamol Donegan 12/15/1981 109 Christopher Ave., Apt. 16E	Conspiracy 4 th degree – 1 ct CSCS 3 rd degree – 3 cts
William Kleinfeldt 11/29/1990 250 West 61 st Dr., Apt. 3E 1108 Christopher Ave., Apt. 4A	Conspiracy 4 th degree – 1 ct CSCS 3 rd degree – 2 cts

Indictment 3

Sayquan Johnson 04/13/1994 290 Blake Ave., Apt. 5C	CSCS 3 rd degree – 10 cts Sale of an Imitation Controlled Substance – 1 ct
Bryant Stevens 08/19/1988 765 Lincoln Ave., Apt. 13B	CSCS 3 rd degree – 9 cts

Indictment 4

Antwon Steele 08/23/1990 557 Rockaway Ave., Apt. 3F	CSCS 3 rd degree – 7 cts
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The charges and allegations are merely accusations and the defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.