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15 members of GS 9 gang indicted and arrested: 21 firearms seized

Indictment charges Murder, Assault, Conspiracy, Weapons and Narcotics Crimes

Bridget G. Brennan, New York City's Special Narcotics Prosecutor, New York City Police Commissioner WILLIAM J. BRATTON and Brooklyn District Attorney KENNETH P. THOMPSON announced today the arrest and indictment of 15 members of "GS9", also known as "G Stone Crips," a street gang based in East Flatbush, Brooklyn. As charged in the indictment, members of GS9 engaged in violent disputes with rival gangs, committed murder and carried out numerous non-fatal shootings. GS9 members are also charged in multiple instances of gunfire in public locations in which no one was shot in both New York City and Miami, Fla. Twelve indicted defendants are charged with narcotics trafficking and using the proceeds to further the criminal activities of the gang.

The 69-count indictment contains charges of Conspiracy and substantive charges of Murder, Attempted Murder, Assault, Attempted Assault, Weapons Possession, Criminal Use of a Firearm, Reckless Endangerment, Narcotics Sales and Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia.

Police seized 21 guns during the course of the long-term investigation, which was conducted by New York City Police Department's (NYPD) Brooklyn South Violence Reduction Task Force and the Office of the Special Narcotics Prosecutor's Narcotics Gang Unit, with assistance from the Kings County District Attorney's Office. Other evidence includes surveillance video, inmates' recorded phone conversations, DNA and ballistics test results, seized narcotics and drug paraphernalia, and eyewitness accounts.

Several of the charged defendants perform as a rap group under the name GS9, including ACKQUILLE POLLARD, aka "Bobby Shmurda," aka "Chewy", and CHAD MARSHALL, aka "Rowdy Rebel." Both POLLARD and MARSHALL also perform individually.

Early yesterday morning, NYPD officers arrested eight defendants in the vicinity of Quad Recording Studios, located at 723 7th Avenue in Manhattan. Police seized 10 firearms during these arrests. Five additional defendants were arrested simultaneously elsewhere in the city, while two defendants are in custody outside of New York State.

During the operation at the recording studio, police recovered three guns from inside a bag in a stairwell. The bag also contained clothing branded with a logo related to GS9 rap performances and a motel receipt in MARSHALL's name. MARSHALL and another indicted defendant, SANTINO

BODERICK, aka "Cueno", were arrested in the vicinity of this same stairwell after the NYPD's Emergency Services Unit froze the location.

POLLARD and defendant NICOLAS MCCOY, aka "Montana Flea" aka "Monty," were stopped in a vehicle soon after leaving the recording studio. Police recovered two firearms and a small quantity of crack-cocaine from the car. One gun was wedged between POLLARD and MCCOY, who were in the backseat of the car. The second gun was inside a duffle bag lying across the laps of POLLARD and a female passenger seated next to him.

The female passenger, AJA DAVIS, and two additional individuals who were present in the car with POLLARD AND MCCOY, but are not charged in the indictment, face charges in criminal complaints. DAVIS, MICHAEL LEGALL, who drove the car, and KEITH BRISSET face weapons and narcotics possession charges.

Conspiracy and GS9 Gang Rivalries

The investigation revealed that GS9 is a criminal street organization operating in and around the geographical area of East 95th Street from Kings Highway to East New York Avenue in East Flatbush, Brooklyn. During the course of the conspiracy, between January 2013 and October 2014, members of the gang are charged with committing murder, assault, weapons possession, narcotics possession and sales and other crimes in order to maintain their dominance of this territory.

Much of the violence in the case stemmed from an ongoing dispute between GS9 and members of rival street gangs, including the gang known as "Folk Nation" and the gang known as "Brooklyn's Most Wanted" or "BMW".

As violence escalated, members of GS9 sought to shoot members of rival gangs, often discussing their efforts and plotting additional attacks in recorded phone conversations with incarcerated GS9 members.

Members of GS9 sold narcotics in order to make money and had frequent discussions about narcotics trafficking during recorded phone conversations. The gang maintained stash locations for firearms and narcotics.

A distinctive system of code words and phrases allowed GS9 members to communicate with one another while hiding the nature of their communication from others. Among the code words for firearms were "tone" and "socks". "Crills" referred to narcotics and "suntan" or "scoom" referred to shootings.

Murder of BMW Member, February 8, 2013

In the most serious violent incident charged in the indictment, a member of the rival gang BMW was murdered inside a bodega at 803 Clarkson Avenue in Brooklyn on February 8, 2013. Several members of BMW were inside the store when RASHID DERISSANT, aka "Rasha" aka "Jordan 23," allegedly burst through the door firing a gun and then quickly exited. A 19-year-old man died at the scene of gunshot wounds.

Accompanying DERISSANT to the bodega was ALEX CRANDON, aka "A-Rod." DERISSANT and CRANDON face charges of Murder in the Second Degree, Attempted Murder in the Second Degree and other crimes.

The murder capped a series of violent confrontations between members of GS9 and BMW, including a January 29, 2013 shooting incident that involved members of both gangs outside the Kings County Supreme Court Building at 320 Jay Street. DERRISANT, ACKQUILLE POLLARD, NICOLAS MCCOY and DEVON RODNEY, aka "Slice", were present at the scene and their involvement in this shooting is part of the ongoing conspiracy charged in the indictment.

Gang Shootings Threaten Bystanders

Members of GS9 are charged with firing shots at least 14 times during the conspiracy and were arrested in possession of firearms on eight occasions. Many shootings took place in crowded public places. Three defendants are charged in several of these shootings: RASHID DERRISANT, ALEX CRANDON and SANTINO BODERICK. In two instances, members of GS9 are accused of firing wildly into crowds outside nightclubs in New York City and Miami, causing hundreds of innocent bystanders to dive for cover.

Innocent Bystander Shooting, July 12, 2014: 128 East 52nd Street, Brooklyn

On July 12, 2014, a 22-year-old woman bystander was shot in the neck outside 128 East 52nd Street in Brooklyn. The investigation revealed that a member of BMW who was the intended target had been standing near her. The investigation revealed that RASHID DERRISANT and ALEX CRANDON ran up the street firing multiple rounds. DERRISANT is also charged with mistakenly shooting CRANDON in the arm during this incident.

The indictment charges DERRISANT, CRANDON, BRIAN HARVEY, aka "Meeshie" and DESHAIN COCKETT, aka "D-Boy", aka "Larry Bird," aka "Mitch", with Attempted Murder in the Second Degree, Assault in the First and Second Degrees and other crimes in connection with the July 12, 2014 shooting.

Shots fired before Barclay Center show, July 27, 2014: Boerum Hill, Brooklyn

The indictment charges that CHAD MARSHALL and SANTINO BODERICK were travelling in a vehicle in the vicinity of Hoyt and Bond Streets in Boerum Hill section of Brooklyn when they spotted members of Folk Nation in another car. MARSHALL called out to the Folk Nation members as BODERICK jumped from the vehicle and fired shots.

Hours later, MARSHALL performed at the nearby Barclays Center, where evidence shows that he and BODERICK wore the same clothes they had worn earlier during the shooting at Hoyt and Bond Streets. BODERICK and MARSHALL are charged with Attempted Murder in the Second Degree, Attempted Assault in the First Degree and other crimes.

One month later on August 25, 2014, police officers were called to the Millennium Hotel at One United Nations Plaza, where they recovered a firearm from a room registered to MARSHALL. Forensic tests matched the firearm to the weapon used during on July 27, 2014. BODERICK and MARSHALL are charged with possession of that weapon.

Shots fired outside nightclubs: Miami and New York

On October 11, 2014, the indictment charges that RASHID DERISSANT and other GS9 members brought their dispute to Miami where they spotted a rival Brooklyn gang member near the club Fat Tuesdays on Ocean Drive in South Beach. DERISSANT fired shots through a window of the club. Video captured the mayhem that ensued as the large crowd of people in front of the club ran and ducked for cover. However, no one was shot.

Also part of the conspiracy, SANTINO BODERICK and REMY MARSHALL, aka "Fetti", are charged with firing a loaded firearm in front of the Social Butterfly nightclub at 857 Atlantic Avenue in Brooklyn on October 27, 2014. Security video from inside the club shows patron panicking and running in the opposite direction of the shots. Later that day, BODERICK was arrested in possession of the same firearm used at the Social Butterfly. Forensic tests also matched the weapon to the July 12, 2014 shooting of the 22-year-old woman on East 52nd Street in Brooklyn.

That same month police seized a firearm from a car in the vicinity of Nevins and Livingston Streets in Brooklyn. Three cars were double parked and a crowd had gathered around ACKQUILLE POLLARD, CHAD MARSHALL, REMY MARSHALL and CLEVON PEARSON, aka "Dred". Police responded to the scene and seized a firearm from a car that PEARSON was attempting to move.

Shots fired at Brooklyn barber shop, June 2, 2014

As detailed in the conspiracy charges, ACKQUILLE POLLARD is alleged to have fired a gun towards a crowd of people outside a barber shop at 1088 Clarkson Avenue on June 2, 2014, shattering a glass storefront. In a recorded phone conversation that day, a GS9 member told DEVON RODNEY that ACKQUILLE POLLARD fired the gun during an argument with his brother JAVESE POLLARD, aka "Fame", who is also a GS9 member.

Narcotics Trafficking

The indictment charges that the defendants, as members of GS9, made money through narcotics sales and worked together to protect their territory and to evade law enforcement scrutiny. In carrying out the narcotics sales, members of the conspiracy used a common phone that customers would call to order narcotics. They also maintained a number of apartments, referred to as "traps", where they stored weapons, proceeds and narcotics packaging.

As part of the conspiracy, the defendants discussed narcotics-related disputes, the use of violence and firearms. In one such conversation on April 28, 2014, ACKQUILLE POLLARD stated, "I am two socks Bobby right now." The investigation revealed that the defendants used the term "socks" as a code word for firearms.

On June 3, 2014, police seized two loaded firearms and narcotics paraphernalia from ACKQUILLE POLLARD and NICOLAS MCCOY inside a narcotics location at 166 Rockaway Avenue, Apt. 9A in Brooklyn. The indictment charges POLLARD and MCCOY with Criminal Possession of a Weapon and Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia.

Special Narcotics Prosecutor BRIDGET G. BRENNAN said, "The defendants are charged with narcotics dealing and an escalating pattern of violence spreading from their home community of Brooklyn to South Beach, Florida. Painstaking investigative work linked the defendants and their guns to a wave of senseless shooting. We hope these arrests provide the community with a sense of relief."

Police Commissioner WILLIAM J. BRATTON said, "These violent individuals will now be held accountable for their decision to participate in a gang which has brought a disturbing level of violence to the streets of Brooklyn and beyond our city's borders. The NYPD, along with our counterparts in law enforcement, remain dedicated to the residents of Brooklyn who deserve to live in a community free of gangs and gang violence."

Brooklyn District Attorney KENNETH P. THOMPSON said, "These defendants did not hesitate to turn the streets of Brooklyn into a shooting gallery, leaving death and destruction in their wake. They wreaked havoc to protect their drug dealing, even shooting into crowds causing hundreds of innocent people to scramble to safety. Now they will be held accountable for their senseless acts of violence and illicit drug activity. I am committed to working with the New York City Police Department and the Special Narcotics Prosecutor to protect the law-abiding residents of Brooklyn."

INDICTED DEFENDANTS

CHARGES

Ackquille Pollard, aka "Bobby Shmurda" aka "Chewy" 672 Ocean Ave., Apt. D3 Brooklyn, NY 08/04/94	Conspiracy 2 nd – 1 ct Conspiracy 4 th – 3 cts Reckless Endangerment 2 nd – 1 ct Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2 nd – 2 cts Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia 2 nd – 1 ct
Chad Marshall, aka "Rowdy Rebel" 526 Williams Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11/24/91	Conspiracy 2 nd – 1 ct Conspiracy 4 th – 2 cts Attempted Murder 2 nd – 1 ct Attempted Assault 1 st – 1 ct Reckless Endangerment 1 st – 1 ct Reckless Endangerment 2 nd – 1 ct Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2 nd – 4 cts
Santino Boderick, aka "Cueno" 1202 Saint Marks Ave. Brooklyn, NY 04/17/93	Conspiracy 2 nd – 1 ct Conspiracy 4 th – 3 cts Attempted Murder 2 nd – 1 ct Attempted Assault 1 st – 2 ct Reckless Endangerment 1 st – 2 cts ii Reckless Endangerment 2 nd – 5 cts Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2 nd – 13 cts Criminal Use of a Firearm 1 st – 1 ct
Rashid Derissant, aka "Rasha", aka "Jordan 23" 139 East 53 rd St., Apt. 1A Brooklyn, NY 03/11/92	Conspiracy 2 nd – 1 ct Conspiracy 4 th – 3 cts Murder 2 nd – 1 ct Attempted Murder 2 nd – 5 cts Assault 1 st – 1 ct Assault 2 nd – 3 cts Attempted Assault 1 st – 2 cts Reckless Endangerment 1 st – 2 ct Reckless Endangerment 2 nd – 3 ct Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2 nd – 14 cts Criminal Use of a Firearm 1 st – 1 ct
Alex Crandon, aka "A-Rod" 173 Amboy St. Brooklyn, NY 04/08/94	Conspiracy 2 nd – 1 ct Conspiracy 4 th – 3 cts Murder 2 nd – 1 ct Attempted Murder 2 nd – 5 cts Assault 1 st – 1 ct Assault 2 nd – 2 cts Attempted Assault 1 st – 1 ct Reckless Endangerment 1 st – 1 ct Reckless Endangerment 2 nd – 1 ct Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2 nd – 6 cts Criminal Use of a Firearm 1 st – 1 ct
Brian Harvey, aka "Meeshie" 825 Lenox Road, Apt. 3 Brooklyn, NY 01/11/91	Conspiracy 2 nd – 1 ct Conspiracy 4 th – 2 cts Attempted Murder 2 nd – 2 cts Assault 1 st – 1 ct Assault 2 nd – 2 cts Attempted Assault 1 st – 1 ct Reckless Endangerment 1 st – 1 ct Reckless Endangerment 2 nd – 1 ct Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2 nd – 4 cts

Nicolas McCoy, aka "Montana Flea," aka "Monty" 613 Bainbridge St. Brooklyn, NY 09/21/94	Conspiracy 2 nd – 1 ct Conspiracy 4 th – 3 cts Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2 nd – 2 cts Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia 2 nd – 1 ct
Javase Pollard, aka "Fame" 139 East 53 rd St., Apt. D6 Brooklyn, NY 11/04/92	Conspiracy 2 nd – 1 ct Conspiracy 4 th – 3 cts Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2 nd – 1 ct
Deshain Cockett, aka "D-Boy", aka "Larry Bird," aka "Mitch" 71 East 95 th St., Apt. 4B Brooklyn, NY 04/12/91	Conspiracy 2 nd – 1 ct Conspiracy 4 th – 3 cts Attempted Murder 2 nd – 2 cts Assault 1 st – 1 ct Assault 2 nd – 2 cts Attempted Assault 1 st – 1 ct Reckless Endangerment 1 st – 1 ct Reckless Endangerment 2 nd – 1 ct Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2 nd – 4 cts
Remy Marshall, aka "Fetti" 168 East 96 th St. Brooklyn, NY 08/04/95	Conspiracy 2 nd – 1 ct Conspiracy 4 th – 2 cts Reckless Endangerment 1 st – 1 ct Reckless Endangerment 2 nd – 1 ct Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2 nd – 2 cts
Devon Rodney, aka "Slice" 465 East 56 th St., Apt. 1F Brooklyn, NY 02/17/93	Conspiracy 2 nd – 1 ct Conspiracy 4 th – 3 cts
Delroy Edwards, aka "D-Rose" Clevon Pearson, aka "Dread" 118-29 Riverton St. Saint Albans, NY 03/16/91	Conspiracy 4 th – 2 ct Conspiracy 4 th – 1 ct Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2 nd – 2 cts

The charges and allegations are merely accusations and the defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.