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Two Rival Drug Crews Targeted in East New York: 17 Arrested

BRIDGET G. BRENNAN, New York City's Special Narcotics Prosecutor, and New York City Police Commissioner RAYMOND W. KELLY announced today the arrests of 17 drug traffickers, including member of two rival crews that peddled crack cocaine and marijuana in East New York, Brooklyn.

The NYPD's Narcotics Bureau Brooklyn North began making the arrests on Tuesday and completed the operation last night. During the seven-month investigation, drug traffickers sold narcotics to undercover detectives on approximately 200 occasions.

The investigation targeted drug trafficking in a neighborhood that has been plagued by violence, including a rash of shootings and robberies over the past year. Some of these shootings may have stemmed from a dispute between the two rival drug crews, which once operated together but developed a rift in 2010. Despite the animosity between the two crews, the high demand for narcotics in the area enabled the groups to operate within a few blocks of each other.

Many of the drug sales in the case took place inside local businesses, against the wishes of the proprietors. Undercover detectives observed members of both crews intimidate store owners and workers and repeatedly ignore demands that they leave.

The first crew frequently conducted crack sales inside a Chinese restaurant at 787 Liberty Avenue. One member of this crew who operated from this restaurant, RONALD FULLER, aka "GRIMEY," made a total of 27 sales to undercover officers during the investigation, which is the largest number of sales by a single defendant in the case. FULLER and three other members of the crew, JASON GONZALEZ, aka "LLOYD," KENNY GONZALEZ, aka "K," and QAWON ALLEN also conducted numerous sales inside the lobby of 904 Glenmore Avenue, where KENNY GONZALEZ lives.

Meanwhile, the second crew operated just four blocks away, with sales frequently staged inside a bodega at 2552 Pitkin Avenue. The crew also used the vestibule of an adjacent residential building and a barber shop located around the corner on Montauk Avenue.

TEQUAN BASELY and WILLIAM WRIGHT, aka "T," were arrested inside the bodega at 2552 Pitkin Avenue on Tuesday, while DAVID MCLAUGHLIN, aka "FREE," was arrested in front of the store. MCLAUGHLIN and BASELY are believed to be leaders of the second drug ring. FRANK MERCADO,

aka "WHITEBOY," also sold out of the bodega, the vestibule of 2552 Pitkin Avenue and the barber shop, and MARCOS MARTINEZ, aka "GORDO," operated from the vestibule.

The remaining eight defendants sold drugs in the vicinity.

DEFENDANTS	CHARGES
Qawon Allen 7/25/1993 155 McKinley Ave., 1 st fl., Brooklyn	CSCS 3 rd – 14 cts
Tequan Basley 7/4/1991 725 Stanley Ave., apt. 1G, Brooklyn	CSCS 3 rd – 15 cts
James Crosby, aka “Forty” 6/8/1987 520 Sheffield Ave. apt. 1F, Brooklyn	CSCS 3 rd – 15 cts
Ronald Fuller, aka “Grimey” 12/16/1988 515 Shepherd Ave., Brooklyn	CSCS 3 rd – 27 cts
Jason Gonzalez, aka “Lloyd” 7/7/1989 101-04 95 Ave., Queens	CSCS 3 rd – 10 cts
Kenny Gonzalez, aka “K” 1/8/1994 904 Glenmore Ave., apt. 2L, Brooklyn	CSCS 3 rd – 3 cts CPCS 3 rd – 1 ct
Jason Hall 6/3/1984 441 Linwood St., apt. 1, Brooklyn	CSCS 3 rd – 15 cts
Jonathan Jones, aka “Matrix” 2/27/1982 570 Stanley Ave., apt. 5G, Brooklyn	CSCS 3 rd – 8 cts
Marcos Martinez, aka “Gordo” 12/31/1991 259 Milford St. apt. 2, Brooklyn	CSCS 3 rd – 5 cts Criminal Sale of Marijuana 4 th – 2 cts
David McLaughlin, aka “Free” 1/20/1985 851 Belmont Ave., apt. 3, Brooklyn	CSCS 3 rd – 8 cts CPCS 3 rd – 1 cts
Deshaun McWilliams 5/26/1975 544 Linwood St., atp. 6, Brooklyn	CSCS 3 rd – 3 cts
Frank Mercado, aka “White Boy,” 1/7/1991 369 Ashford St., apt. 1, Brooklyn	CSCS 3 rd – 14 cts Criminal Sale of Marijuana 4 th – 1 ct
Hanson Reyes, aka “Kid” 12/28/1989 174 Atkins Ave., apt. 1, Brooklyn	CSCS 3 rd – 3 cts

Jeffrey Scott, aka "Star" 10/1/1987 54 Lincoln Ave., apt. 3L, Brooklyn	CSCS 3 rd – 2 cts
Vanessa Skerritt 1/11/1987 3241 Lurting Ave., Bronx	CSCS 3 rd – 4 cts
Garrett Whitening 1/31/1961 179 Milford St., apt. 1A, Brooklyn	CSCS 3 rd – 2 cts
William Wright, aka "T" 10/18/1992 226 Montauk Ave., apt. 1A	CSCS 3 rd – 10 cts Criminal Sale of Marijuana 4 th – 2 cts

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