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Rashid Derissant Sentenced to 98 1/3 Years to Life in Prison for Role in “GS9” Gang Warfare in New York City and Miami

Bridget G. Brennan, New York City's Special Narcotics Prosecutor, announced today the sentencing of RASHID DERISSANT, 24, to 98 1/3 years to life in prison for his role in gang warfare that extended from New York City to Miami, and involved murder and multiple attempted murders between January 2013 and October 2014.

On April 15, 2016, DERISSANT was convicted at trial on 22 counts, including Conspiracy in the Second and Fourth Degrees, Murder in the Second Degree, Attempted Murder in the Second Degree, Reckless Endangerment in the First Degree, Assault in the First and Second Degrees, Attempted Assault in the First Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree and Criminal Use of a Firearm in the First Degree.

Under the sentence imposed by Manhattan Supreme Court Justice Abraham J. Clott, penalties for Conspiracy in the Second Degree, Murder in the Second Degree, Attempted Murder in the Second Degree, Criminal Use of a Firearm in the First Degree and Attempted Assault in the First Degree are to run consecutively, for an effective prison term of 98 1/3 to life. Sentences on all other counts are to run concurrently.

Special Narcotics Prosecutor Bridget G. Brennan said, “The sentence imposed today reflects the terror that the defendant's crimes instilled in his own community, and wherever else he engaged in wanton violence to settle scores. It also underscored the value of the lives lost and tragically damaged.”

As proven at trial, DERISSANT, aka “Rasha” aka “Jordan 23,” was a member of “GS9” or “G Stone Crips,” a street crew based in East Flatbush Brooklyn, and conspired to engage in a pattern of gang-related violence, much of it stemming from an ongoing dispute with members of the rival gang “Brooklyn's Most Wanted” or “BMW.” The conspiracy began with crack dealing in Brooklyn, and spanned nearly two years.

As the violence escalated, members of GS9 sought to shoot members of rival crews. Retaliatory shootings took place in New York City and Miami, where the gang members recklessly shot into crowds of innocent bystanders. Evidence included testimony from law enforcement officers and experts, medical examiners, and eye-witnesses, as well as surveillance video, recorded phone conversations,

social media postings, DNA and ballistics evidence, and 11 firearms seized during the course of the investigation.

As proven at trial, DERISSANT acted as the gunman in the February 8, 2013 murder of a 19-year-old rival gang member in a bodega in East Flatbush, Brooklyn, and the attempted murder of three other rivals who were present. On July 12, 2014, DERISSANT fired bullets wildly across East 52nd Street in Brooklyn and struck a 22-year-old innocent bystander in the neck and hip outside her family's home at 128 East 52nd Street in Brooklyn.

Evidence proved that GS9 members brought their gang-related dispute to Miami. On October 11, 2014, members of the gang spotted a rival near the club Fat Tuesdays on Ocean Drive in South Beach, where DERISSANT fired shots into a crowd and through a window of the club.

Sentencing was postponed for ALEX CRANDON, a GS9 member who faced trial alongside DERISSANT, and who was convicted of Conspiracy in the Second and Fourth Degrees, Murder in the Second Degree, Attempted Murder in the Second Degree, Reckless Endangerment in the First Degree, Assault in the First Degree, Attempted Assault in the First Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree and Criminal Use of a Firearm in the First Degree. Charges are pending against 19 other members and associates of GS9 named in the same indictment.

Special Narcotics Prosecutor Bridget G. Brennan commended Assistant District Attorneys Nigel Farinha, Susan Lanzatella and Thomas Wright for their work on the case. Special Narcotics Prosecutor Brennan also thanked the New York City Police Department's (NYPD) Brooklyn South Violence Reduction Task Force, the Miami Beach Police Department and the Kings County District Attorney's Office.

DERISSANT CHARGES

PENALTIES

Conspiracy 2 nd (to commit Murder 2 nd) – 1 ct	8 1/3 to 25 years
Conspiracy 4 th (to commit Assault 1 st) – 1 ct	1 1/3 to 4 years
Conspiracy 4 th (to commit CPW 2 nd) – 1 ct	1 1/3 to 4 years
Murder 2 nd – 1 ct	25 years to life
Attempted Murder 2 nd – 5 cts	25 years
Reckless Endangerment 1 st – 2 ct	2 1/3 to 7 years
Assault 1 st – 1 ct	25 years
Assault 2 nd – 1 ct	7 years
Attempted Assault 1 st – 2 ct	15 years
CPW 2 nd – 8 cts	15 years
Criminal Use of a Firearm 1 st – 1 ct	25 years
