



DISTRICT ATTORNEY
KINGS COUNTY
350 JAY STREET
BROOKLYN, NY 11201-2908
(718) 250-2000
WWW.BROOKLYNDA.ORG

Kenneth P. Thompson
District Attorney

Office of Public Information
718-250-2300

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Thursday, October 16, 2014

**Twelve Charged With Narcotics Trafficking Following
Undercover Investigation at Tilden Houses in Brownsville**

Approximately 180 Undercover Buys Made During Course of Nine-Month Operation

Brooklyn District Attorney Ken Thompson, together with New York City Police Commissioner William J. Bratton, today announced that 12 alleged drug dealers have been variously charged in criminal complaints with selling crack cocaine, cocaine, heroin and marijuana to undercover officers over the past nine months during an anti-drug initiative at the Samuel J. Tilden Houses in Brownsville. In addition, a loaded .38-caliber weapon, among other items, was recovered during the execution of court-authorized search warrants.

District Attorney Thompson said, "These arrests should put the criminal element that plies its trade around the law-abiding residents of the Tilden Houses on notice: we will simply not tolerate drug dealing anywhere in our communities, especially around our schools."

Commissioner Bratton said, "The New York City Police Department is committed to improving the quality of life for all residents of public housing and ensuring that those who distribute narcotics in our communities will be brought to justice. Thanks to the collaborative efforts of the NYPD's Narcotic Division and the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office, these individuals will be held accountable for their actions."

The investigation began this past February following community complaints about narcotics trafficking and violence in and around the Tilden Houses, located in Brownsville. The Tilden Houses consists of eight 16-story buildings with addresses on Dumont Avenue and Livonia Avenue. The majority of the defendants live in the housing development which they are alleged to have turned into a violence-plagued drug market.

Over the course of the investigation, undercover officers made approximately 180 buys of crack cocaine, cocaine, heroin and marijuana from 12 defendants, including one defendant who allegedly sold crack cocaine while he was with his daughter, who appeared to be approximately five-years-old. The majority of the buys were made within 1,000 feet of the following schools: Public School 284 located at 213 Osborn Street, on the North side of the houses and Public School 41 located at 411 Thatford Avenue on the South side of the houses.

The defendants were arrested yesterday and are presently awaiting arraignment in Brooklyn Criminal Court. In addition, police executed several court-authorized search warrants yesterday and among the items seized were a loaded .38-caliber handgun, an unloaded shotgun and shotgun shells, and varying amounts of crack-cocaine, cocaine, MDMA, marihuana, drug paraphernalia and cash.

The defendants are variously charged in the complaint with criminal sale of a controlled substance in or near school grounds, a B felony punishable by up to 9 years in prison; criminal sale of a controlled substance in the third-degree, a class B felony punishable by up to nine years in prison; criminal possession of a controlled substance in the third-degree, a B felony punishable by up to 9 years in prison; criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh-degree, an A misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in prison; or criminal sale of marihuana in the fourth-degree, an A misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in jail.

The investigation was conducted by New York City Police Department Detective Bryan Mullady of the Narcotics Borough Brooklyn North, under the supervision of Lieutenant William Buchanan.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Maria Linares, of the District Attorney's Violent Criminal Enterprises Bureau, with the assistance of Assistant District Attorney Christina Golkin, under the supervision of Assistant District Attorney Nicole Chavis, Bureau Chief, and the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney William E. Schaeffer, Chief of Investigations.

Defendants Charged By Criminal Complaint:

Jabbar Washington, dob: 3-2-91, 720 Stone Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. Charged with criminal sale of a controlled substance in or near school grounds (15 counts); criminal sale of a controlled substance in the third-degree (15 counts); criminal possession of a controlled substance in the third-degree (15 counts); criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh-degree (1 count); and criminal sale of marihuana in the fourth-degree (1 count) and unlawful possession of marihuana (1 count).

Amauris Rodriguez, dob: 3-21-87, 330 Dumont Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. Charged with criminal sale of a controlled substance in or near school grounds (25 counts); criminal sale of a controlled substance in the third-degree (25 counts); criminal possession of a controlled substance in the third-degree (25 counts); and criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh-degree (1 count).

Ernest Dillon a.k.a., Derick Williams, dob: 1-1-64, 340 Dumont Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. Charged with criminal sale of a controlled substance in or near school grounds (5 counts); criminal sale of a controlled substance in the third-degree (5 counts); criminal possession of a controlled substance in the third-degree (5 counts); criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh-degree (1 count); and criminal sale of marihuana in the fourth-degree (9 counts) and unlawful possession of marihuana (1 count).

Jeffrey Shepherd, dob: 7-12-64, 360 Dumont Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. Charged with criminal sale of a controlled substance in or near school grounds (15 counts); criminal sale of a controlled substance in the third-degree (15 counts); criminal possession of a controlled substance in the third-degree (15 counts); criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh-degree (1 count); and criminal sale of marihuana in the fourth-degree (1 count) and unlawful possession of marihuana (1 count).

Taronn Sloan, dob: 5-17-87, 305 Livonia Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. Charged with criminal sale of a controlled substance in or near school grounds (7 counts); criminal sale of a controlled substance in the third-degree (7 counts); criminal possession of a controlled substance in the third-degree (7 counts); and criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh-degree (1 count).

Davon Green, dob: 7-29-84, 140 Wortman Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. Charged with criminal sale of a controlled substance in or near school grounds (3 counts); criminal sale of a controlled substance in the third-degree (3 counts); criminal possession of a controlled substance in the third-degree (3 counts); and criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh-degree (1 count).

Allen Haynes, dob: 10-9-86, 330 Dumont Avenue, NY. Charged with criminal sale of a controlled substance in or near school grounds (8 counts); criminal sale of a controlled substance in the third-degree (8 counts); criminal possession of a controlled substance in the third-degree (8 counts); criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh-degree (1 count); and criminal sale of marihuana in the fourth-degree (18 counts) and unlawful possession of marihuana.

Christopher Bullock, dob: 6-29-63, 365 Thatford Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. Charged with criminal sale of marihuana in the fourth-degree (24 counts) and unlawful possession of marihuana (1 count).

Jamel Ralph, dob: 12-13-75, 422 Blake Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. Charged with criminal sale of marihuana in the fourth-degree (18 counts) and unlawful possession of marihuana (1 count).

Thomas Wigfall, dob: 12-30-62, 363 Bristol Street, Brooklyn, NY. Charged with criminal sale of marihuana in the fourth-degree (13 counts) and unlawful possession of marihuana (1 count).

Lawrence Vernon, dob: 5-28-71, 496 Putnam Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. Charged with criminal sale of marihuana in the fourth-degree (7 counts) and unlawful possession of marihuana (1 count).

DeShawn Murden, dob: 5-1-90, 702 Rockaway Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. Charged with criminal sale of a controlled substance in the third-degree (1 count); criminal possession of a controlled substance in the third-degree (2 counts); criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh-degree (2 counts); criminally using drug paraphernalia in the second-degree (2 counts) and criminal possession of marihuana in the fifth-degree.

#

Criminal complaints are accusatory instruments and not proof of a defendant's guilt.