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D.A. CLARK LOOKS FORWARD TO WORKING WITH NYPD AND COURTS TO RID GUNS FROM STREETS

(Bronx, NY – January 12, 2016) – Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark joins in NYPD Commissioner William Bratton’s suggestion to swiftly prosecute those who possess and use illegal guns on the streets of the Bronx and elsewhere in the City. Noting that *“senseless gun violence continues to plague neighborhoods in the Bronx,”* D.A. Clark commended the Commissioner’s proposal to create special Gun Courts to expedite the handling of gun possession cases.

Only 12 days into her term of office, D.A. Clark is already creating plans to expand the Bronx District Attorney’s Crime Strategies and Case Enhancement Unit, which works directly with the NYPD and its new technologies, including the ShotSpotter program, to pinpoint gun crimes. The District Attorney looks forward to her efforts to expand that Unit and other cooperative efforts with the Commissioner and the NYPD to reduce violent crimes and prosecute violent offenders efficiently within the Bronx. Indeed, the District Attorney observed, *“The State Legislature has seen fit to increase the penalties for carrying illegal, loaded handguns, and it is the job of prosecutors and courts to see to it that offenders are dealt with swiftly, fairly and efficiently.”*

“Gun Courts will go a long way to getting that job done.”

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