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SEVEN ALLEGED BRONX GANG MEMBERS INDICTED FOR RETALIATORY SHOOTING THAT WOUNDED TWO INNOCENT BYSTANDERS
Defendants Engaged in Three Additional Shootings

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that seven alleged members of the violent Bronx street gang, Courtlandt Over Everything have been indicted in a conspiracy of violence that includes four shootings that terrorized the residents of Mott Haven and Melrose.

District Attorney Clark said “These defendants put the lives of countless people at risk in senseless episodes of gunfire all in broad daylight. In retaliation for a fatal shooting, they allegedly shot two innocent bystanders as well as their target. They allegedly engaged in a shootout outside a school as children were dismissed. They put the entire community in danger, and they will be held accountable for their actions.”

New York City Police Commissioner Jessica S. Tisch said “The indictment demonstrates the critical work that the NYPD does every day to stop violent gangs that terrorize our communities. I commend the NYPD investigators and our law enforcement partners for their tireless work to get these dangerous individuals off of our streets and bring them to justice.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendants Ibrahim Kaba, 18, (a/k/a Mullet), Chalim Perry, 21, (a/k/a Sha EK), Elijah Santiago, 18, (a/k/a Eli Drako), a defendant who was 17 at the time of the incidents, and two 16-year-old boys were arraigned on Thursday, March 6, 2025, before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Guy Mitchell. Bail for Perry was set at \$300,000 cash over \$300,000 bond. Bail for Kaba was set at \$100, 000 cash over \$200,000 bond. Bail for Santiago was set at \$500,000 cash over \$750,000 bond. Zaire Flowers, 18, (a/k/a ZAZA), had not been apprehended as of March 6, 2025. The next court date for the arraigned defendants is March 12, 2025.

The 62-count indictment charges defendants with second-degree Conspiracy, Attempted Murder in the second-degree, first-degree Assault, Attempted Assault in the first-degree, second-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon, second-degree Assault, first-degree Reckless Endangerment, Attempted Assault in the second-degree, Criminal Possession of a Firearm, fourth-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon and second-degree Reckless Endangerment.



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According to the investigation, the defendants, alleged members of Courtlandt Over Everything (COE) gang, were involved in four shootings between July 22, 2024, and October 8, 2024, in the Mott Haven and Melrose neighborhoods.

On July 22, 2024, at approximately 3:30 p.m., Perry, Williams, Flowers, and a 16-year-old defendant, acting in concert with an un-apprehended male, went to 338 East 145th Street in the Patterson Houses, where they allegedly fired at least nine shots. It is believed that this shooting was in retaliation for the fatal shooting of a COE member's father the night before.

The target, an 18-year-old member of a rival gang, was shot in the buttocks, and a 67-year-old man was shot in the leg and a 30-year-old male NYCHA employee was shot in the arm. Nine shell casings and one live round as well as a bullet fragment lodged in an MTA Bus that was traveling on Third Avenue and 145th Street, were recovered.

The defendants are seen on video surveillance going to the July 22 shooting, carrying out the shooting, and leaving the scene. Perry also posted a "Drill Rap" video on his social media account making explicit references to the shooting.

A half hour later, defendants Kaba and Flowers went to the vicinity of 320 East 156th Street, in the Melrose Houses, where they allegedly fired multiple times sending elderly bystanders fleeing for their lives.

On October 7, 2024, at approximately 10:17 a.m., in the vicinity of Courtlandt Avenue and East 153rd Street, Kaba allegedly fired multiple shots at a man on a motorcycle, causing the rider to crash into a parked vehicle at the intersection and fall to the ground. Kaba allegedly continued to shoot at the rider, who left the scene before he could be questioned by police.

On October 8, 2024, at approximately 4:11 p.m., Santiago, the 17-year-old defendant, and another individual, went to East 149th Street and outside Port Morris School of Community Leadership PS/MS 5X, they allegedly engaged in a shoot-out with a male believed to be a rival gang member. Twelve shots were fired as children were leaving school.

Defendants Perry, Santiago, and the 17-year-old defendant rapped about their exploits in drill rap videos posted to YouTube and Instagram. Perry posted to YouTube under the name "Sha EK," while Santiago posted under the name "Eli Drako." In the months following the charged shootings, Perry posted several drill rap videos, including "Less Than 24hrs (Official



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Video)” where he bragged about shooting at rivals, threatened harm to members of rival gangs, and promised to give a gold chain to the first member of Courtlandt to commit a murder.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Charlayne M. White, Lily Gebru, and Marc Russell of the Violent Criminal Enterprise Bureau, under the supervision of Keturah Ladd, Deputy Chief of the Violent Criminal Enterprise Bureau and Newton Mendys, Chief of the Violent Criminal Enterprise Bureau under the overall supervision of Denise Kodjo, Deputy Chief of the Investigations Division and Wanda Perez-Maldonado, Chief of the Investigations Division.

District Attorney Clark thanked Crime Intelligence Analysts Luka Khetsuriani and Jonathan Mulhern of the Crime Strategies Bureau, under the supervision of Jordan Jackson, Chief of the Crime Strategies Bureau, for their assistance.

District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Gun Violence Suppression Division Detectives Patriciann Caputo, Brandon Ravelo, Alexis Melo; NYPD Intelligence Division Detective Sanjay Gidarisingh, 40th Precinct Detectives Javish Ortiz, Ray Silva, Lamik Fitzgerald, Rossi Mata, and officers from the 40th Precinct and Police Service Area 7.

An indictment is an accusatory instrument and not proof of a defendant’s guilt.