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QUEENS MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO WEAPONS POSSESSION
FOR CACHE OF ILLEGAL GHOST GUNS IN BAYSIDE HOMES

Defendant is Expected to be Sentenced to 3 ½ Years in Prison

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz announced that Andrew Chang pleaded guilty to criminal possession of a weapon stemming from a March 2022 ghost gun bust.

District Attorney Katz said: “This defendant pleaded guilty to amassing an arsenal of lethal illegal weapons and ammunition and gear. We will continue to do everything we can to get deadly weapons off the streets of Queens.”

Chang, 35, of 215th Place in Bayside, pleaded guilty to criminal possession of a weapon in the second degree. Justice Karen Gopee is expected to sentence Chang to 3 ½ years in prison and 3 years of post-release supervision on April 28.

Chang was arrested in March 2022 after the execution of two court-authorized search warrants at his residences in Bayside Terrace led to the seizure of numerous firearms, including seven completed nine millimeter semiautomatic ghost gun pistols; three rifles of assorted caliber; one 12-gauge shotgun; one polymer-based unfinished lower receiver; four large-capacity magazines; approximately 2,000 rounds of various caliber ammunition; a Dremel set, jig, pliers, drill bits and other equipment used to manufacture ghost guns; and approximately \$65,000 in cash.

The charges came after a long-term, multi-agency investigation led by the District Attorney’s Crime Strategies and Intelligence Unit with the NYPD’s Major Case Field Intelligence Team and Queens District Attorney’s Office Detective Bureau.

Assistant District Attorney Attaul Haq, of the DA’s Crime Strategies and Intelligence Unit, is prosecuting the case, with the assistance of Intelligence Analysts Victoria Felipe and Robert Sajeve, under the supervision of Assistant District Attorney Shanon LaCorte, Unit Director, and under the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Investigations Gerard Brave.

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