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ELEVEN REPUTED GANG MEMBERS CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT MURDER, ATTEMPTED MURDER, ATTEMPTED ASSAULT, RECKLESS ENGAGEMENT AND **GUN POSSESSION**

Variously Charged in 57-Count Indictment with Nine Shootings Perpetrated to Protect Their Turf; Charges Come After 44-Month Long Investigation by Queens DA's Office and NYPD's Gun Violence Suppression Division

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz announced that a three-and-a-half-year investigation into gang violence in Southeast Queens led to the indictment of 11 alleged members of "Whole Blocc Boys" and "Score On Anything" – two subsets of the "8 Trey Movin Crips" street gang. The defendants are variously charged with conspiracy, attempted murder, attempted assault, reckless endangerment and gun possession in connection with nine shooting incidents dating back between March 2021 and December 2022. The defendants are accused of causing indiscriminate violence for the simple mission of protecting their home territory from perceived enemies. Five victims have been identified as part of this investigation, one of whom is paralyzed from the waist down.

District Attorney Katz said: "The defendants are accused of causing frenzied violence in their own communities by trying to kill their gang rivals as part of an ongoing turf war. Violent gang activity places countless lives in danger and we cannot and will not surrender our streets to reckless gang warfare. Seven of the defendants including two alleged ringleaders stand accused of conspiracy in the first degree, which carries a maximum sentence of life in prison. I commend my Violent Criminal Enterprise Bureau and the NYPD's Gun Violence Suppression Division for helping to bring these individuals to justice, and I thank them for their unwavering dedication to public safety."

NYPD Commissioner Jessica S. Tisch said: "The senseless violence described in this indictment has no place in our city, and we are committed to using all available resources to identify and dismantle gangs and crews wherever they operate. I commend the unwavering commitment of the investigators in our Gun Violence Suppression Division and at our local precinct detective squads. Their ongoing work, along with the efforts of our partners at the Queens district attorney's office, will lead to a successful outcome in this long-term case."

Five defendants were apprehended and arraigned Tuesday on a 57-count indictment charging them variously with conspiracy in the first degree, attempted murder in the second degree, attempted assault in the first degree, reckless endangerment in the first degree and criminal possession of a weapon in the second degree. Queens Supreme Court Justice Bruna DiBiase remanded the defendants and ordered them to return to court in December and January (see addendum). If convicted of the top count, three of the defendants face a potential maximum sentence of 25 years in prison and two of the defendants face a potential maximum of life in prison.

One co-defendant was arrested Tuesday while bedside at a hospital due to an unrelated incident. His arraignment is pending.

Three co-defendants are currently in the custody on other matters and will be arraigned at a later date. Two additional co-defendants remain at large.

An additional defendant was separately charged as part of the investigation and subsequently pleaded guilty to conspiracy in the second degree, assault in the second degree and criminal possession of a weapon in the second degree. He was sentenced to eight years in prison on July 25, 2024.

According to the charges and investigation, the defendants are members of the 8 Trey Movin Crips street gang, under the leadership of defendants Alphati "Havoc" Tanis and Trevor "T3" Bailey, who routinely gave orders to subordinates to kill rivals in an effort to establish geographical dominance and protect their home territory.

The two subsets are: Whole Blocc Boys (WBB), which operates roughly in the Hollis area of Queens and includes defendants Trevor Bailey, Isaiah Raymond, Raynaldo Lynch, Shawn Cole and Tavion Scott; and Score on Anything (SOA), which operates roughly in the South Jamaica area of Queens and includes defendants Alphati Tanis, Seth Johnson, Hiswan Simmons, Amir Harris, Isiah Garcia and Tajh Parker John.

As alleged in the indictment, WBB and SOA worked in tandem against their gang rivals such as members of Folk Nation, Money World, Mac Ballers, Dream Team and others.

Numerous crimes charged in the indictment arose out of gun fights and shootings that took place in broad daylight, often in the presence of innocent bystanders. At least one incident occurred inside a public playground while another took place at Roy Wilkins Park in St. Albans. An additional shooting incident took place one block from Sutphin playground and P.S. 223 in South Jamaica.

On May 22, 2021, at approximately 8:30 p.m., SOA members were walking in the vicinity of Sutphin Boulevard and 112th Street. At approximately the same time, a Hyundai Accent turned onto 112th Street and parked. An occupant, a member of the rival "Dream Team," exited the vehicle and fired several shots in the direction of the SOA members, causing them to flee. Minutes later, surveillance footage showed an SOA member walking toward the vehicle and firing several times at the Hyundai as it drove away. The car hit several other vehicles stopped at a stop sign on 148th Street and eventually rammed into a parked car at the corner of Linden Boulevard, causing all occupants to flee the location on foot.

The investigation later determined that the May incident was an act of retaliation for an earlier altercation which took place inside Roy Wilkins Park, where SOA members committed a gun-point robbery of members of the "Dream Team."

In another incident, on June 27, 2021, at approximately 2:40 p.m., several purported WBB gang members were inside the Daniel M. O'Connell playground when they were approached by a "Dream Team" rival gang member who took out a gun and opened fire. Several children and families were present inside. WBB members returned fire, recklessly shooting at their enemies, before running away from the park.

On September 14, 2022, at approximately 8:40 p.m., police responded to a report of shots fired in the vicinity of Sutphin Boulevard and 123rd Avenue, a block away from a playground and elementary school. Upon arrival, officers discovered five 9 mm caliber shell casings and later found a gunshot victim with injuries to his leg inside a residential hallway two blocks away from the shooting scene. The investigation later determined that

the victim – a purported "Money World" gang rival – was shot by an SOA member driving on the block, as he walked home from a bodega.

In addition to reckless shootings amid civilians in broad daylight, the indictment charges that the defendants routinely traveled to the geographic territory controlled by their rivals for the sole purpose of shooting and killing them on sight. The defendants are further accused of utilizing social media, including Snapchat, to provoke and lure rival gang members so that violent acts could be committed against them.

Eleven guns were seized in the course of the investigation.

The joint investigation, titled Deadliest Catch, was conducted by the Queens County District Attorney's Violent Criminal Enterprises Bureau along with Detectives Joseph Essig and John McHugh of the New York Police Department's Gun Violence Suppression Division, under the supervision of Sergeant Jeffrey Liu, Lieutenant Jonathan Zocchia, Captain Ryan Gillis and Inspector Craig Edelman, Commanding Officer of the NYPD's Gun Violence Suppression Division in conjunction with the Detective Squads of the 103rd, 105th, and 113th Precincts under the respective supervision of Lieutenant Stephen Faber, Lieutenant Christopher Kehoe and Lieutenant Sean Finnegan, and under the overall supervision of Assistant Chief Jason Savino, Commanding Officer of the Specialty Enforcement Division and Chief of Detectives Joseph Kenny.

Assistant District Attorneys Genevieve Gadaleta and Kevin Timpone, of the District Attorney's Violent Criminal Enterprises Bureau with the assistance of Assistant District Attorney Barry Frankenstein, Deputy Chief, under the supervision of Assistant District Attorney Jonathan Sennett, Bureau Chief, and under the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney of Investigations Gerard Brave.

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ADDENDUM

TREVOR BAILEY, a.k.a "T3", 29, of St. Albans, has been indicted on charges of conspiracy in the first degree and other crimes. If convicted of the top count, Bailey faces a potential maximum sentence of life in prison. He remains at large.

SHAWN COLE, a.k.a. "TS", 18, of St. Albans, has been indicted on charges of conspiracy in the second degree and other crimes. If convicted of the top count, Cole faces a potential maximum sentence of 10 years in prison. He remains at large.

ISAIAH GARCIA, a.k.a. "Yachty," a.k.a "Double 07", 24, of Yonkers, has been indicted on charges of conspiracy in the first degree and other crimes. If convicted of the top count, Garcia faces a potential maximum sentence of life in prison. He was ordered to return to court on January 7, 2025.

AMIR HARIS, a.k.a. "Mir EBK," 22, of Jamaica, has been indicted on charges of conspiracy in the second degree and other crimes. If convicted of the top count, Haris faces a potential maximum sentence of 25 years in prison. He was ordered to return to court on January 2, 2025.

SETH JOHNSON, a.k.a. "Savv G," 20, of Jamaica, has been indicted on charges of conspiracy in the second degree and other crimes. If convicted of the top count, Johnson faces a potential maximum sentence of 25 years in prison. He was ordered to return to court on December 20, 2024.

RAYNALDO LYNCH, a.k.a. "AG," 23, of Queens, has been indicted on charges of conspiracy in the first degree and other crimes. If convicted of the top count, Lynch faces a potential maximum sentence of life in prison. He is currently in Massachusetts State custody and will be extradited at a later date.

TAJH PARKER-JOHN, a.k.a. "Skeevey Loc," 23, of Cambria Heights, has been indicted on charges of conspiracy in the first degree and other crimes. If convicted of the top count, Parker-John faces a potential maximum sentence of life in prison. He is currently in New York State Corrections custody and will be arraigned at a later date.

ISAIAH RAYMOND, a.k.a. "Zay," 20, of Queens Village, has been indicted on charges of conspiracy in the second degree and other crimes. If convicted of the top count, Raymond faces a potential maximum sentence of 25 years in prison. He was ordered to return to court January 2, 2025.

TAVION SCOTT, a.k.a. "Santa," 22, of Queen Village, has been indicted on charges of conspiracy in the first degree and other crimes. If convicted of the top count, Scott faces a potential maximum sentence of life in prison. He is currently in New York State Corrections custody and will be arraigned at a later date.

HISWAN SIMMONS, a.k.a. "Codac," a.k.a. "Hazz Loc," 22, of Arverne, has been indicted on charges of conspiracy in the first degree and other crimes. If convicted of the top count, Simmons faces a potential maximum sentence of life in prison. He is currently hospitalized for an unrelated incident and is pending arraignment.

ALPHATI TANIS, a.k.a. "Havoc," 33, of Jamaica, has been indicted on charges of conspiracy in the first degree and other crimes. If convicted of the top count, Tanis faces a potential maximum sentence of life in prison. He was ordered to return to court on January 2, 2025.

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