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D.A. BROWN: FOUR ALLEGED CRIPS GANG MEMBERS
CHARGED IN SERIES OF GUNPOINT ROBBERIES OF SOUTH QUEENS BODEGAS

Face Up to 25 Years In Prison

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that four alleged Crips gang members have been charged with the gunpoint robbery of at least sixteen South Queens bodegas over the last five months following an intensive investigation by detectives assigned to the NYPD's Queens Detective Bureau. The robberies were allegedly committed either individually or in combination with one or more other individuals.

District Attorney Brown said, "Following an intensive and ongoing investigation by Queens detectives, the defendants have been accused of preying on small mom and pop grocery stores all across South Queens. In one instance, for example, two of the defendants are alleged to have walked down the street robbing one bodega only minutes after having robbed another. Thanks to the diligent and tireless efforts of NYPD detectives involved in the investigation, the defendants have been brought to justice. Store owners, and the public in general, can rest assured that these cases will be vigorously prosecuted."

The investigation is being conducted by the New York City Police Department's Queens Robbery Squad and the NYPD's 103rd, 105th and 113th Precinct Detective Units, all of which are under the supervision Deputy Chief Louis M. Croce, Jr., commanding officer of Detective Borough Queens, and the overall supervision of Chief George F. Brown of the Detective Bureau.

The District Attorney identified the defendants as Gregory Burrowes, 27, of 144-39 227th Street in Queens, Jeremy Edwards, 20, of 223-07 Carson Street in Queens, Keon Gill, 21, of 144-39 222nd Street in Queens, and Ryan Carter, 20, of 145-84 226th Street in Queens. The defendants are awaiting arraignment in Queens Criminal Court on a variety of charges, including first- and second-degree robbery, first- and second-degree attempted robbery, first-degree assault, second-degree criminal possession of a weapon and first-degree reckless endangerment. If convicted, the defendants each face up to 25 years in prison.

District Attorney Brown said that, according to the charges, the four defendants – either individually or with the assistance of others – robbed or attempted to rob at least 16 bodegas between March 26, 2007, and August 19, 2007. The defendant Burrowes, for example, is accused of participating in fourteen of the robberies.

The District Attorney said that in the one instance in which someone was shot, it is alleged that Burrowes and two unapprehended individuals attempted to rob a bodega, located at 143-02 Farmers Boulevard, on the night of March 26, 2007. During the robbery attempt, it is alleged that one of the unapprehended individuals displayed a firearm, demanded money and fired multiple shots inside the store. One of the victims then struggled with the other unapprehended individual, who pulled out a gun and fired a shot at the victim, striking him in both legs.

In a second case, it is alleged that the defendant Edwards entered the 112 Food Center, located at 112-01 Francis Lewis Boulevard, wearing a black flag over his face on the night of June 25, 2007, pointed a silver and black firearm at an employee of the store and stated, "Give me the money," before reaching over the counter and grabbing \$200 from the cash register.

In a third case, it is alleged that the defendants Carter and Burrowes and another individual attempted to rob the RMT Deli Grocery, located at 250-14 Hook Creek Road, on the afternoon of August 19, 2007. Once inside the store, it is alleged that Carter, armed with a pistol, demanded money of the workers. At which point, one of the workers allegedly struck Carter in the arm with a baseball bat. Carter allegedly fired a shot into the air before fleeing the store with Burrowes and the other individual.

In a fourth case, it is alleged that the defendant Gill called Burrowes and, together with Edwards, drove to the Stop 11 Mini Mart, located at 191-02 120th Avenue, on the night of July 24, 2007. While Gill and Burrowes waited in the car, Edwards allegedly entered the store and robbed it.

Assistant District Attorney Brian E. Kohm, of the District Attorney's Gang Violence and Hate Crimes Bureau, is prosecuting the cases under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Mariela Palomino Herring, Bureau Chief, and Michelle E. Goldstein, Deputy Bureau Chief, and under the overall supervision of Senior Executive Assistant District Attorney for Trials James C. Quinn and Deputy Executive Assistant District Attorneys John H. Larsen and Robert J. Masters.

It should be noted that a complaint is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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APPENDIX

DEFENDANT(S)	DATE OF ALLEGED CRIME	LOCATION	CHARGES
Burrowes	March 26, 2007 (9:00 p.m.)	143-02 Farmers Blvd.	3 counts - first-degree attempted robbery 1 count - first-degree assault 2 counts - second-degree robbery
Edwards	June 25, 2007 (9:31 p.m.)	112 Food Center 112-01 Francis Lewis Blvd.	1 count - first-degree robbery
Burrowes	June 28, 2007 (10:00 p.m.)	222-16 South Conduit Ave.	1 count - first-degree robbery 1 count - second-degree robbery
Burrowes/Gill	June 29, 2007 (8:55 p.m.)	S&A Mini Market 136-09 Farmers Blvd.	1 count - first-degree robbery
Burrowes/Edwards	July 11, 2007 (6:48 p.m.)	136-35 Springfield Blvd.	1 count - first-degree attempted robbery 1 count - second-degree attempted robbery
Burrowes/Edwards	July 11, 2007 (7:06 pm.)	144-12 Guy Brewer Blvd.	1 count - first-degree robbery 1 count - second-degree robbery
Burrowes/Edwards	July 14, 2007 (9:15 p.m.)	112 Food Center 112-01 Francis Lewis Blvd.	1 count - first-degree robbery
Burrowes/Edwards	July 14, 2007 (9:17 p.m.)	104 Deli Grocery 104-1 Francis Lewis Blvd.	1 count - first-degree robbery
Burrowes/Edwards	July 18, 2007 (5:50 p.m.)	Deli for Big Belly 212-15 Jamaica Avenue	1 count - first-degree robbery
Burrowes/Gill	July 24, 2007 (7:51 p.m.)	Stop 11 Mini Mart 191-02 120 th Ave.	1 count - first-degree robbery
Burrowes/Edwards /Gill	August 1, 2007 (6:15 p.m.)	First Ideal Stop Deli 228-06 Merrick Blvd.	1 count - first-degree robbery 1 count - second-degree criminal possession of a weapon
Burrowes	August 6, 2007 (10:30 p.m.)	234-20 Merrick Blvd.	1 count - first-degree robbery 1 count - second-degree robbery
Edwards	August 13, 2007 (8:15 p.m.)	FTR Grocery 184-19 140 th Ave.	2 counts - first-degree robbery
Burrowes	August 19, 2007 (6:40 p.m.)	141-32 224 th St.	1 count - first-degree attempted robbery 1 count - second-degree attempted robbery
Burrowes	August 19, 2007 (3:25 p.m.)	RMT Deli Grocery 250-13 Hook Creek Blvd.	1 count - first-degree attempted robbery 1 count - second-degree attempted robbery
Carter	August 19, 2007 (3:25 p.m.)	RMT Deli Grocery 250-13 Hook Creek Blvd.	2 counts - first-degree attempted robbery 2 counts - second-degree criminal possession of a weapon 1 count - second-degree attempted robbery 1 count - first-degree reckless endangerment
Burrowes	August 19, 2007 (6:00 p.m.)	Don's Mini Market 178-02 Sayres Ave.	1 count - first-degree robbery 1 count - second-degree robbery