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34 CHARGED IN MAJOR DRUG SWEEP IN FAR ROCKAWAY

*Defendants include 20 Purported Bloods Members – including Reputed Leader
and Other Alleged High-Ranking Members of Violent Street Gang*

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown, joined by Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly, today announced that thirty-four individuals have been arrested on drug, weapons and other charges as part of a large-scale narcotics investigation focused on the alleged cocaine trafficking activities of a faction of the Bloods street gang based in Far Rockaway, Queens.

District Attorney Brown said that, in the latest round of the investigation, police yesterday arrested Robert “Dead Eye” Baley, the reputed leader of the Far Rockaway, Queens, set of the Bloods gang, his girlfriend, Ebony Williams, and two of his alleged captains – Mark “Whiteboy” Green and his brother, Samuel “S” Green. During the course of the year-long investigation, a total of twenty alleged Bloods gang members and associates and fourteen other individuals have been arrested to date on charges ranging from narcotics and weapons possession to robbery, attempted murder and murder. **(See Addendum for details)**

District Attorney Brown said, “Bloods gang members awoke yesterday not to the familiar sounds of gunfire but rather to the sound of the New York City law enforcement community moving one step closer to dismantling the Queens Bloods gang by taking their alleged leader, Robert ‘Dead Eye’ Baley off the streets of Far Rockaway. As Baley, an aspiring rapper, aptly noted in the title of his latest CD, it was a ‘long time comin.’”

District Attorney Brown added, “Baley’s arrest and those of higher-echelon Bloods gang members sends an important message that law enforcement will continue to aggressively track down and prosecute both drug dealers and violent criminals alike who seek to terrorize our communities. Today’s street gangs – such as the Bloods – are involved in a wide range of criminal activities, including drugs and weapons trafficking and the use of violence to protect and expand their territory, often harming innocent individuals caught in the crossfire. Yesterday’s arrests and the others resulting from this investigation will take us a long way to improving the quality of the life for the residents of Far Rockaway and in reducing gang-related violence and other criminal activity throughout Queens.”

Police Commissioner Kelly said, “This case in Queens is an important blow to the nexus between gangs and drugs and also a step toward safeguarding the residents put in danger by this activity.”

The investigation, known as “Operation Bloodhound,” began in September 2006 when NYPD officers assigned to the Queens Gang Squad and District Attorney Brown’s Narcotics Investigations Bureau focused resources on the alleged cocaine trafficking network linked to the Far Rockaway faction of the Bloods street gang.

Over the course of the investigation – which included extensive physical surveillance, court-authorized electronic surveillance and search warrants – nearly two dozen alleged members of the Bloods gang were charged with narcotics and weapons possession – including cocaine, heroin, marijuana, revolvers, rifles and shotguns. Gang members allegedly distributed large amounts of narcotics to numerous street dealers who, in turn, sold the narcotics to the organization’s customers – who were typically drug addicts. It is alleged that this organization grossed more than \$15,000 per week through their illegal operations.

The investigation also led to the apprehension of alleged Bloods gang member Larnell Heyward, who was on the run in Far Rockaway, for a homicide he allegedly committed in the summer of 2006 in Atlanta, Georgia. As a result of the investigation, officers were able to seize a weapon in Heyward’s possession in Queens and link him through ballistics evidence to the Atlanta homicide. Heyward is presently incarcerated and has been charged with the homicide by the Atlanta Police Department. In addition to gang members, Operation Bloodhound also investigated and arrested other narcotics and firearms traffickers who were not gang members but were affiliated with the gang.

Among those charged is Robert “Dead Eye” Baley, the alleged Bloods leader at the Edgemere Houses, a NYCHA housing development in Far Rockaway and an aspiring rapper who calls himself the “Crown King of FR” and “The Boss of Far Rock” in his lyrics which can be found on www.myspace.com/deadeye58 or on his video on youtube.com. It is alleged that, between August 1, 2006, and September 19, 2007, Baley, purported Blood captains Mark and Samuel Green and others were part of a large-scale, multi-county narcotics trafficking organization that possessed and sold narcotics in Queens County and elsewhere in New York State, possessed weapons, and supplied other individuals with narcotics with the knowledge and intent that they would sell the narcotics to customers of the organization.

Also charged is Lowell Fletcher who was arrested in possession of more than an eighth of an ounce of cocaine and marihuana on July 27, 2007. Fletcher is an alleged Bloods lieutenant and a self-admitted member of G-Unit, a hip hop record label founded by 50 Cent, Lloyd Banks and Tony Yayo.

In another case, it is alleged that Jamel “Psycho” Bryant fired a .9mm weapon at two New York City police officers in December 2006 as they approached him. Bryant allegedly fled after the shooting and was apprehended seven days later hiding in a closet and in possession of a loaded handgun.

To date, “Operation Bloodhound” has resulted in the overall seizure of approximately eleven pounds of cocaine with a street value of approximately \$500,000, various quantities of heroin and marihuana, \$120,000 in narcotic proceeds and numerous weapons, including eleven handguns, one rifle, and a 12-gauge shotgun.

The investigation was conducted by Police Office Richard Zaccarese, Sergeant Andrew Puglisi, and Lieutenant Gerald Pizzano, of the New York Police Department’s Queens Gang Squad, under the supervision of Captain Richard Dee, Commanding Officer, and under the overall supervision of Inspector Robert Boyce, Commanding Officer of the NYPD’s Gang Division.

Assistant District Attorney Julie S. Trivedi, of the District Attorney Brown’s Narcotics Investigations Bureau, is prosecuting the cases under the supervision of Assistant District Attorney Wilbert J. LeMelle, Bureau Chief, Karen J. Friedman, Deputy Bureau Chief, and Mark L. Katz, Supervisor, and the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Investigations Peter A. Crusco and Deputy Executive Assistant District Attorney for Investigations Linda M. Cantoni.

It should be noted that indictments and criminal complaints are merely accusations and that defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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ADDENDUM

ALLEGED BLOODS MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES (20 defendants)

1. Akeem "AK" Addison, 23, of 8100 Shore Front Parkway in Far Rockaway, was charged in June 2007 with second- and third-degree criminal possession of a weapon for allegedly possessing a loaded silver .45 caliber semiautomatic handgun. Addison, who is allegedly a lieutenant in the Bloods gang, faces up to fifteen years in prison if convicted. The case is presently pending trial.
2. Robert "Dead Eye" Baley, 30, of 439 Beach 54th Street in Far Rockaway, was charged in September 2007 with second-degree conspiracy, third- and fourth-degree criminal sale of a controlled substance, second- and third-degree criminal possession of a weapon and second-degree criminally using drug paraphernalia. Baley, who is allegedly the leader of the Bloods gang in Far Rockaway, faces up to twenty years in prison if convicted. The case is presently pending trial.
3. Kevin "O-Dog" Brinson, 28, of 1318 Edgerunt Street in Far Rockaway, was charged in July 2007 with fourth-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance for possessing crack cocaine and subsequently pleaded guilty as charged. Brinson, who is allegedly a lieutenant in the Bloods gang, faces up to five and one-half years in prison when sentenced.
4. Jamel "Psycho" Bryant, 17, of 54-41 Almeda Avenue in Far Rockaway, Queens, was charged in April 2007 with second-degree attempted murder, second- and third-degree criminal possession of a weapon, first-degree attempted assault, attempted aggravated assault on police officer, first-degree reckless endangerment and resisting arrest. At the time of his arrest, the defendant was allegedly in possession of a .357 revolver and ammunition. Bryant faces up to 25 years in prison if convicted. The case is presently pending trial.
5. Starasia Chandler, 22, of 51-11 Almedea Avenue in Far Rockaway, was charged in April 2007 with fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon for allegedly possessing a loaded .38 caliber gun. Chandler faces up to one year in jail if convicted. The case is presently pending trial. (Bloods Associate)
6. Lashan Davis, 28, of 536 Marcy Avenue in Brooklyn, was charged in July 2007 with second-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance for allegedly possessing more than four ounces of cocaine. Davis faces up to ten years in prison if convicted. The case is presently pending trial. (Bloods Associate)
7. Chanese Doyle, 17, of 54-81 Almeda Avenue in Far Rockaway, was charged in June 2007 with second-degree criminal possession of a weapon for allegedly possessing a loaded .45 caliber semiautomatic handgun. Doyle faces up to fifteen years in prison if convicted. The case is presently pending trial. (Bloods Associate)
8. Shyria Durhan, 19, of 51-45 Almeda Avenue in Far Rockaway, was charged in June 2007 with second-degree criminal possession of a weapon for allegedly possessing two loaded .9mm handguns. Durhan faces up to fifteen years in prison if convicted. The case is presently pending trial. (Bloods Associate)
9. Lowell "Lodi Mack" Fletcher, 30, of 54-75 Almeda Avenue in Far Rockaway, was charged in July 2007 with third-, fourth- and seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance and unlawful possession of marihuana for allegedly possessing more than an eighth of an ounce of cocaine and a ziplock bag of marihuana. Fletcher, who is allegedly a lieutenant in the Bloods gang, faces up to nine years in prison if convicted. The case is presently pending trial.
10. Brandon "B" Green, 23, of 444 Beach 54th Street in Far Rockaway, was charged in March 2007 with third- and fifth-degree possession of a controlled substance for allegedly possessing 25 ziplock bags containing crack cocaine. Green, who allegedly works "security" for the Bloods, faces up to nine years in prison if convicted. The case is presently pending trial.

Green was also charged in May 2007 with third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance and third-degree criminal trespass for allegedly trespassing at a NYCHA complex and possessing more than a half ounce of cocaine. If convicted, he faces up to nine years in prison. The case is presently pending trial.

11. Mark "Whiteboy" Green, 26, of 413 Beach 29th Street in Far Rockaway, was charged in September 2007 with second-degree conspiracy, third- and fourth-degree criminal sale of a controlled substance, second- and third-degree criminal possession of a weapon and second-degree criminally using drug paraphernalia. Green, who is allegedly a captain in the Bloods gang, faces up to twenty years in prison if convicted. The case is presently pending trial.

12. Samuel "S" Green, 27, of 353 Beach 54th Street in Far Rockaway, was charged in September 2007 with second-degree conspiracy, third- and fourth-degree criminal sale of a controlled substance, second- and third-degree criminal possession of a weapon and second-degree criminally using drug paraphernalia. Green, who is allegedly a captain in the Bloods gang, faces up to twenty years in prison if convicted. The case is presently pending trial.

13. Larnell Heyward, 30, of Atlanta, Georgia, and formerly of 413 Beach 28th Street in Far Rockaway, was arrested in May 2007 for third- and fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon for allegedly having a loaded .32 caliber pistol. Heyward faces up to seven years in prison if convicted. The case is presently pending trial.

While in custody, Heyward was re-arrested on a fugitive from justice warrant filed by the Atlanta Police Department, where he is wanted for murder. The gun he was allegedly found to be in possession of was used in the Georgia murder.

14. Tyrone "Roni" Howell, 19, of 443 Beach 54th Street in Far Rockaway, was indicted in April 2007 for possessing seventeen ziplock bags of crack cocaine. In August 2007, Howell pleaded guilty to the top count of third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance and was sentenced to one year in state prison and one year of post-release supervision.

15. Shawn "Jigga" Jones, 20, of 12-70 Redfern Avenue in Far Rockaway, was charged in June 2007 with second- and third-degree criminal possession of a weapon for allegedly possessing two loaded .9mm handguns. Jones faces up to fifteen years in prison if convicted. The case is presently pending trial.

16. Eric "Bloody" Scarbrough, 27, of 51-11 Almeda Avenue in Far Rockaway, was charged in April 2007 with second-, third- and fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon for allegedly possessing a loaded .38 caliber gun. Scarbrough, who is an alleged lieutenant in the Bloods, faces up to fifteen years in prison if convicted. The case is presently pending trial.

17. Qasim "Coz" Sheeko, 26, of 457 Beach 66th Street in Far Rockaway, Queens was arrested in January 2007 on charges of possessing marihuana. He pleaded guilty in April 2007 to seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance and was sentenced to a conditional discharge.

Sheeko was additionally charged in May 2007 with third- and fourth-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, second-degree criminally using drug paraphernalia and unlawful possession of marihuana for allegedly possessing crack cocaine, marihuana and numerous empty ziplock bags. He faces up to nine years in prison if convicted. The case is presently pending trial.

Sheeko was also charged in July 2007 with third- and fourth-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance and second-degree criminally using drug paraphernalia for allegedly possessing crack cocaine and heroin. He faces up to nine years in prison if convicted. The case is presently pending trial.

18. Richard "Porter" Whitlock, 26, of 320 Beach 100th Street in Rockaway Park, was charged in July 2007 with third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance for allegedly possessing crack cocaine. Whitlock, who is allegedly a lieutenant in the Bloods gang, faces up to twelve years in prison if convicted. The case is presently pending trial.

19. Ebony Williams, 22, of 125 Beach 17th Street in Far Rockaway, was charged with second-degree conspiracy, third- and fourth-degree criminal sale of a controlled substance, second- and third-degree criminal possession of a weapon and second-degree criminally using drug paraphernalia. Williams faces up to twenty years in prison if convicted. The case is pending trial. (Bloods Associate)

20. Mulazim "Mook" Woods, 25, of 7600 Shore Front Parkway in Rockaway Beach was indicted in April 2007 on charges of first-degree robbery, second- and third-degree criminal possession of a weapon, second-degree criminal use of a firearm, fourth-degree criminal possession of stolen property and third- and fifth-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance for allegedly possession a 9-mm MAC 11 and 527 milligrams of cocaine. Woods faces up to 25 years in prison if convicted. The case is presently pending trial.

OTHER DEFENDANTS (14 defendants)

1. Jose Adames, 25, of 414 Beach 58th Street in Far Rockaway, was arrested on November 1, 2006, and charged with second-, third- and fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon for allegedly possession a 9-mm luger, a .22 rifle and a 12-gauge shotgun. Adames pleaded guilty on January 22, 2007, to fourth-degree weapons possession and was sentenced to a conditional discharge.
2. Kahiem "MC" Chandler, 33, of 51-11 Alameda Avenue in Far Rockaway, was charged in December 2006 with third- and seventh degree possession of a controlled substance and unlawful possession of marihuana for allegedly possessing .5 grains of heroin and 42.7 grains of marihuana. Chandler faces up to nine years in prison if convicted. The case is presently pending trial.
3. Christopher Damiani, 26, of 319 Beach 98 Street in Far Rockaway, was charged in March 2007 with allegedly possessing crack cocaine and a knife. He failed to show up for a court appearance in April 2007 and a bench warrant was issued for his arrest.
4. Maximo Delarosa, 19, of 1124 East 176 Street in the Bronx, was charged in January 2007 with possessing more than eight ounces of cocaine. Delarosa pleaded guilty to fourth-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance and was sentenced to five years' probation.
5. Alexander Hernandez, 29, of 196 Beach 113th Street in Far Rockaway, was charged in March 2007 with third- and fourth-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance and criminally using drug paraphernalia in the second degree for allegedly possessing crack cocaine. Hernandez faces up to nine years in prison if convicted. The case is presently pending trial.
6. Tyrone Howard, 25, of 407 Beach 20th Street in Far Rockaway, was charged in June 2007 with third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance for allegedly possession eight ziplock bags of cocaine. Howard faces up to nine years in prison if convicted. The case is presently pending trial.
7. Elliot Jordan, 44, of 22-87 Mott Avenue in Far Rockaway, was charged in June 2007 with second-, third- and fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon for possessing a loaded .40 caliber hi-point pistol and nine live rounds. Jordan faces up to fifteen years in prison if convicted. The case is presently pending trial.
8. Anderson "Andy" Lara, 28, of 2788 Yonkers Avenue in the Bronx, was charged in January 2007 with possessing cocaine in excess of eight ounces and a loaded .40 caliber gun. Lara pleaded guilty in June 2007 to third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance and was sentenced to five years in state prison.
9. Eleanor Lawton, 41, of 51-45 Alameda Avenue in Far Rockaway, Queens, was charged in February 2007 with possessing a ziplock bag containing crack cocaine. Lawton pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct and was sentenced to a conditional discharge.
10. Steven Solimine, 38, of 441 Atlantic Avenue in East Rockaway, was charged in August 2007 with seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance for allegedly possessing six ziplock bags containing crack cocaine. Solimine faces up to a year in jail if convicted. The case is presently pending trial.
11. Michael Surrency, 25, of 127 North Portland Street in Brooklyn, was indicted in April 2007 on charges of first-degree robbery, second- and third-degree criminal possession of a weapon, second-degree criminal use of a firearm, fourth-degree criminal possession of stolen property and third and fifth-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance for allegedly possession a 9-mm MAC 11 and 527 milligrams of cocaine. Surrency faces up to 25 years in prison if convicted. The case is presently pending trial.
12. Robert Walker, 44, of 56-10 Beach Channel Drive in Far Rockaway, Queens, was arrested in January 2007 for possessing a ziplock bag of crack cocaine. He pleaded guilty in April 2007 to seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance and was sentenced to a conditional discharge.
13. Morton Wilson, 31, of 184 Kinsley Road in Pemberton, New Jersey, was indicted in March 2007 on charges of third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance for allegedly possessing more than eight ounces of cocaine and six decks of heroin during a car stop. Wilson pleaded guilty as charged and was sentenced to two years in state prison.
14. Gary Woods, 56, of 102-00 Shore Front Parkway in Far Rockaway, was charged in March 2007 with possessing three ziplock bags of crack cocaine. He pleaded guilty in August 2007 to seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance and was sentenced to time served.

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