



**GUN TRAFFICKING CASE.** Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown and NYPD Police Commissioner hold one of the approximately 30 weapons that were sold to undercover police officers posing as black market buyers over a nine-month period. The price allegedly paid for each weapon ranged from \$500 to \$1,300, with most weapons typically going for about \$1,000. Four individuals have been indicted in connection with the case.

District Attorney Brown said, “These defendants brazenly attempted to flood the streets of New York City with weapons that were illegally moved up from the South along the so-called ‘Iron Pipeline’ – Interstate 95. These weapons typically wind up in the hands of criminals and pose a serious danger to all of our residents. The successful efforts of police and prosecutors working together in cases such as this to track down and prosecute gun traffickers has not only resulted in a significant reduction in the number of firearms on the streets of our city but in a record drop in murders – which continues to make New York City the safest big city in America.” (10.07.2009)