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**QUEENS MAN CHARGED WITH POSSESSING AN ARSENAL OF WEAPONS AND  
AMMUNITION IN BASEMENT OF BAYSIDE HOME**

*Police Seized More Than 65 Pistols, Revolvers And Assault Rifles;  
Approximately 50,000 Rounds of Ammunition Also Recovered;  
Defendant Faces Up to 25 Years in Prison if Convicted*

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown today announced that a Bayside man has been charged with stockpiling more than 65 guns including pistols, revolvers, assault rifles and modified rifles along with approximately 50,000 rounds of ammunition inside his home.

District Attorney Brown said, “The defendant is accused of using his home as a warehouse for illegal firearms - along with tens of thousands of rounds of live ammunition. This stockpile of weapons poses a great risk to the residents of Queens. It is extremely disturbing to find such an arsenal of firearms in a residential community. The defendant now faces a lengthy term of incarceration for this obsession with weapons.”

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Ronald Drabman, 60, of 208<sup>th</sup> Street in the Bayside neighborhood of Queens. Drabman, who was arrested yesterday, is presently awaiting arraignment in Queens Criminal Court on a complaint charging him with one count of first-degree criminal possession of a weapon, 39 counts of second-degree criminal possession of a weapon, one count of first-degree criminal sale of a firearm, one count of fourth-degree criminal possession of stolen property and 20 counts of third-degree criminal possession of a weapon. If convicted, Drabman faces up to 25 years in prison.

District Attorney Brown said, according to the charges, police executed court-authorized search warrants of the defendant’s home on Sunday. During that raid, police recovered a massive number of weapons in the home’s basement in addition to tens of thousands of rounds of ammunition. Police seized the following items from the defendant’s home:

- Forty five Rifles/Assault Rifles/Shotguns;
- Twenty three handguns;
- One Zip gun;
- Two .177 caliber pellet guns
- and a large quantity of ammunition

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District Attorney Brown said that, according to the charges, Drabman does not have a firearms license and is not a gun dealer. He is not licensed to sell or to manufacture firearms or ammunition.

The investigation was conducted by the Sergeant Forrest Hirsch and Police Officer James McSherry under the supervision of Lieutenant Shibu Madhu of the New York City Police Department's 81<sup>st</sup> Precinct.

Assistant District Attorney Christopher Antonino is prosecuting the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorney Francesco Catarisano, Bureau Chief of the District Attorney's Kew Gardens I Trial Bureau and under the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Trials James C. Quinn and Deputy Executive Assistant District Attorney for Trials Laura M. Henigman.

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

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