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## "SLAUGHTERY" GANG MEMBERS INDICTED IN 14 SHOOTINGS IN FORDHAM AREA, INCLUDING TWO THAT WOUNDED FOUR BYSTANDERS One Defendant Charged with Slashing Rival in Bronx Courthouse; He Bragged on Instagram About Smuggling Scalpels into Court

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark and New York City Police Commissioner Edward A. Caban today announced that 20 people including five teens have been indicted in a conspiracy of violence that includes 14 shootings in the Fordham Heights, Kingsbridge, Highbridge and Morris Heights areas, as well as a brutal slashing outside the Youth Part courtroom in the Bronx Hall of Justice.

District Attorney Clark said, "A half-mile swath along the Grand Concourse became a corridor of carnage as these defendants allegedly fired guns again and again, wounding their rivals and at least four bystanders in mindless violence. Their brazenness knew no limits as they even assaulted a young woman in a courthouse hallway. These acts began in 2020, when half of the defendants were under 17 years old. Sadly, they have ruined their own lives as they allegedly wreaked havoc on their community."

Police Commissioner Caban said, "Senseless acts of violence have no place in New York City neighborhoods, and eradicating street gangs remains at the forefront of the NYPD's public safety mission. I commend the meticulous work of our investigators and our partners in the Bronx District Attorney's office for their tireless efforts to hold accountable anyone who participates in such barbaric criminal acts."

District Attorney Clark said the defendants, 17 males and three females, part of the Slattery aka "Slaughtery" gang that held sway near Slattery Playground on East 183<sup>rd</sup> Street, are variously charged in a 176-count indictment with second-degree Conspiracy, Attempted Murder in the second degree, first-degree Robbery, first-degree Assault, second-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon, Attempted Gang Assault in the First Degree, second-degree Robbery, and other related charges.

Eleven of the defendants have been arraigned before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Tara Collins, and the rest are awaiting arraignment.



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According to the 18-month investigation by the Bronx District Attorney's Violent Criminal Enterprise Bureau and the NYPD Gun Violence Suppression Division, there was a conspiracy involving the gang to possess firearms and commit acts of violence against opposition rival gang members, from June 15, 2020 through June 27, 2024, encompassing 14 shooting incidents, a brutal slashing inside of Bronx Supreme Court of a rival gang member, a gunpoint carjacking, a stabbing, and gun possessions. The investigation revealed that members of Slaughtery utilized various social media platforms—primarily Instagram and Facebook—to threaten rival gang members and promote themselves. Slaughtery members and associates posted Drill rap videos onto YouTube in which they bragged about shootings and mocked murdered rivals. Fifteen handguns and pistols were recovered in the investigation.

## The incidents include:

On June 18, 2020, at Morris Avenue and East 184<sup>th</sup> Street, defendants Nasiem King and Dayron Williams ran towards a crowd of individuals who were playing cards and King allegedly fired at least six shots at the group, striking three people who were not involved in gangs. King and Williams fled from the scene, and just a few minutes later Williams was shot by members of a rival gang and King allegedly returned multiple shots at the rival gang.

On July 11, 2020, King and Feenix Charley went to East 194<sup>th</sup> Street and Briggs Avenue, where Charley discharged four shots at a purported rival but struck a passerby instead.

On January 27, 2023, Charley and others were in the Bronx Hall of Justice and spotted members of a rival gang standing outside the Youth Part on the fifth floor. Charley and the others approached these individuals and began to assault them. Charley allegedly used a sharp object to strike one of the individuals, causing a large laceration from her lower chest area to her abdomen. The victim was taken to a hospital and received 35 stitches.

The same day, Charley boasted about the slashing at the Courthouse on social media, saying in sum and substance that the Courthouse is his territory. A week prior to this incident, Charley posted a video on Instagram bragging about smuggling in scalpels every time he is in the courthouse and showing how to do it.

The case is being prosecuted by Keturah Ladd, Supervisor in the Violent Criminal Enterprise Bureau, Assistant District Attorney Molly Martin of Trial Bureau 30, Major Case Assistant District Attorney Jeffrey Davis of Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, under the



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supervision of Ronald Sannicandro, Deputy Chief of the Violent Criminal Enterprise Bureau, and Newton Mendys, Chief of the Violent Criminal Enterprise Bureau, and under the overall supervision of Denise Kodjo, Deputy Chief of the Investigations Division and Wanda Perez-Maldonado, Chief of the Investigations Division.

District Attorney Clark thanked Intelligence Analyst Jonathan Mulhern of the Crime Strategies Bureau, and Trial Preparation Assistants Victor Ortiz and Sharyann Delacruz of the Violent Criminal Enterprise Bureau, and Mary Jo Blanchard Counsel to the Investigations Division, for their assistance with the case.

District Attorney Clark thanked BXDA Detective Investigators Deputy Chief Terence Mulderrig and Detective Anai Tamarez for their assistance with the case.

District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Detectives Brandon Ravelo and Patriciann Caputo, the Gun Violence Suppression Division, Detective Eric Bernard, of Patrol Borough Bronx, 46<sup>th</sup> Precinct Public Safety Police Officers, and Detectives of the 46<sup>th</sup> and 52<sup>nd</sup> Squads.

District Attorney Clark thanked New York State Court Officers Roland Font and Joel Ramdeen, Sergeant Paul Tammaro, Captain Angelique Fontanez (retired) and Major Eugene Hunter for their assistance with the investigation.

## **Defendants:**

ISRAEL LUGO AKA "IZZY" -- 26
FEENIX CHARLEY AKA "FEE/FEE BANGA" --24
NASIEM KING AKA "EBK"- 22
DAYRON WILLIAMS AKA "DAYRYER" --22
NADINE ASAMOAH AKA "NAYBENZ"—18, Remanded
JOSEPH ILLERY AKA "JOJO" -20, Remanded
SHYHIEM MARTIN CHAMBERS AKA "SHYLOSO/SHY" -19, Remanded
BENITO BUXTON AKA "NITO" -19, Remanded
CLARENCE ROBERTS AKA "RICO" --18
K. R. --17
JAHMEAL MARTIN WEEKES AKA "MILL" -23, Bail set 100k/600k/600k
BRIAN CESPEDES AKA "6SHOTZ/HERBO" - 24, Bail set 50k/350k/350k
Y.S. - 17 Bail set 25k/250k
G.M.—17, Remanded
E.L. -17, Bail set 50k/250k/250k



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J.L. -- 16 BRIANA PORTALATIN AKA "BRII ROSE" –19, Remanded KEITH DOUGLAS AKA "POLO" -- 24 RODNEY ASAMOAH AKA "RODDY" –20, Bail set 75k/500k/500k JOSEPH VALDEZ AKA "CHUCKY SB" – 25

An indictment is an accusatory instrument and not proof of a defendant's guilt.