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THREE MEN INDICTED FOR DOUGLASTON HOME INVASION BURGLARY AND KIDNAPPING

One Hostage Fled with Child to Call for Help; Defendants Face Up to 25 Years in Prison if Convicted

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz announced that three men – Jone Smith and brothers Ryan and Brandon Dash – have been indicted by a Queens grand jury on 41 charges including kidnapping, robbery and burglary. The trio allegedly strong-armed their way into a Douglaston residence last month and held a family – including children and the elderly – hostage with weapons and threats. One of the women escaped from the house with her 1-year-old child to summon police for help.

District Attorney Katz said: "As alleged, these defendants broke into a home and held a family hostage with a loaded gun, a hammer and a crowbar. A young mother courageously fled the home with her infant child to get help while her family members were bound and assaulted. This was an incredibly brazen attack that left both this family and their neighborhood in fear. I thank the members of the NYPD for quickly apprehending these defendants before anyone else could be victimized."

Brandon Dash, 39, and Ryan Dash, 34, of 218th Street in Cambria Heights, and Jone Smith, also known as Conrad Harrigan, 47, of Cambria Heights were arraigned before Supreme Court Justice Stephanie Zaro today on a 41-count indictment jointly charging them with seven counts of kidnapping in the second degree, six counts of burglary in the first degree, three counts of robbery in the first degree, two counts of criminal possession of a weapon in the second degree, six counts of burglary in the second degree, five counts of robbery in the second degree, five counts of assault in the second degree, criminal possession of a weapon in the third degree, grand larceny in the third degree, three counts of endangering the welfare of a child, and two counts of criminal possession of a weapon in the fourth degree.

If convicted of the charges, the defendants face a maximum of 25 years in prison.

The defendants were ordered to return to court on October. 21.

According to the indictment:

- On August 17, 2024, between 2:15 and 3:18 a.m., three men entered the home on 247th Street in Douglaston and awakened two adults at gunpoint. The homeowners were sleeping in the room with their 1-year-old child.
- The defendants, who were masked, allegedly physically restrained the occupants of the home and demanded to know the location of any money in the house. One of the defendants allegedly brandished a gun, while two others a hammer and a crowbar.
- A mother and an infant child escaped the home, and a 911 call was placed to police.
- The defendants allegedly took in excess of \$20,000 cash from the homeowners.
- Responding officers determined that three defendants, as well as four adult hostages and two children, remained inside the house. Three defendants were then seen climbing out of a window.
- Police arrested the three defendants after an extensive manhunt in the vicinity of the house. Two of the hostages were taken to a local hospital for treatment of minor injuries.

• The stolen money and a loaded firearm were recovered after the arrests.

The investigation was conducted by Police Officer John Adames and other members of the 111th Precinct.

Assistant District Attorney Hugh McCann of the District Attorney's Career Criminal Major Crimes Bureau is prosecuting the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Michael Whitney, Bureau Chief and Roni C. Piplani, Deputy Chief, and under the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Shawn Clark.

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