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QUEENS MAN CHARGED WITH POSSESSING ILLEGAL GUNS AND DRUGS

*Police Seized Pistols, Rifles and Bags of Cocaine and Marihuana in Morning Raid;
Defendant Faces Up to 20 Years in Prison if Convicted*

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown today announced that a 52-year-old Forest Hills, Queens, man has been charged with criminal possession of a weapon, criminal possession of a controlled substance and other crimes for allegedly collecting several illegal firearms, ammunition, ammo magazines - in addition to illicit narcotics.

District Attorney Brown said, "An early morning raid at the home of the defendant uncovered a lethal force of illegal weapons and drugs. The defendant in this case, allegedly admitted at the time of his arrest that he likes to collect guns and does not have a license for them. Illegal firearms in our communities pose a grave risk to everyone. The defendant has now been arrested, charged and faces a long term of incarceration for his alleged actions."

The District Attorney identified the defendant as George Mirzayans, 52, of Thorton Place in the Forest Hills neighborhood in Queens. The defendant was arraigned before Queens Criminal Court Judge John Zoll on a criminal complaint charging him with first- and third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, first-degree criminal possession of marihuana, second-, third- and fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon, second-degree criminally using drug paraphernalia and unlawful possession of pistol or revolver ammunition. Judge Zoll set bail at \$100,000 and ordered the defendant to return to court on June 25, 2018.

District Attorney Brown said that, according to the charges, police executed a court-authorized search warrant at Mirzayans' residence around 6 a.m. on Saturday, June 9, 2018. During the raid, police observed and recovered rifles, pistols, ammunition, magazines for ammunition and drugs. In all seven firearms were seized, including a Winchester Super X Rifle, a loaded .380 caliber semi-automatic pistol, a .30 caliber lever action rifle and a .25 caliber semi-automatic pistol. Police also recovered approximately 10 pounds of marihuana, over 8 ounces of cocaine, liquid marihuana, a measuring scale, and spoons with cocaine residue on them.

Continuing, the District Attorney said, according to the complaint, police recovered nearly \$5,000 in cash in the home and the defendant said in sum and substance that he likes guns, he collects guns and he does not have a license for any of them. He also, alleged told police that "I sling coke a little bit at a time. I smoke weed and I sling a little bit."

The investigation was conducted by Detective Richard Charles, of the New York City Police Department's Narcotics Borough Queens North under the supervision of Sergeant John Stevko and Captain Gregory Mackie.

Assistant District Attorney Melanie Lee Rios, of the District Attorney's Narcotics Investigations Bureau, is prosecuting the case, under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Wilbert J. LeMelle, Bureau Chief, Mark L. Katz, Deputy Bureau Chief, Julie S. Trivedi, Violent Criminal Enterprises Chief, Philip D. Anderson, Supervisor, and under the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Investigations Peter A. Crusco.

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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