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QUEENS MAN INDICTED FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER FOR SHOOTING DELIVERY DRIVER WHO BLOCKED TRAFFIC WITH TRUCK IN JANUARY

Defendant Apprehended After Arrest on Gun Charge; Faces Up to 25 Years in Prison if Convicted

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz announced today that Queens resident Jahsheen Osbourne has been arraigned in Queens Supreme Court after a grand jury handed up two indictments charging the defendant with attempted murder, weapons charges and other crimes for allegedly shooting and seriously injuring a UPS driver in January. The victim was working and delivering packages in Woodhaven when the defendant allegedly became enraged about the UPS truck blocking traffic and fired a single shot at the victim.

District Attorney Katz said, "Thankfully the victim in this case – a man who was simply doing his job - survived this senseless shooting. The defendant is accused of striking out with potentially deadly violence because a truck temporarily blocked traffic. This is another example of how important it is to get illegal guns off our streets and away from those who would shoot without regard for human life. The defendant was apprehended last month when police spotted him allegedly armed with a gun. He now faces very serious charges for both the shooting and carrying an illegal firearm."

Osbourne, 19, of 148th Street in South Jamaica, was arraigned this morning before Acting Queens Supreme Court Justice Gia Morris on the first indictment charging him with attempted murder in the second degree, assault in the first degree and two counts of criminal possession of a weapon in the second degree for the January shooting. Justice Morris set the return date for January 5, 2021. If convicted, he faces up to 25 years in prison.

According to the charges in the indictment related to the January 14, 2020 shooting, the victim was in the process of dropping off packages around 3:30 in the afternoon. The worker was attempting to reverse and park the UPS truck when a driver in a white Mercedes began honking the car horn objecting to the truck preventing traffic from going forward. The defendant, a passenger in the Mercedes, began to yell at him and a verbal dispute ensued. As the Mercedes maneuvered pass the UPS truck, the defendant allegedly pulled out a black gun and fired a single shot.

Continuing, the DA said, the victim began to bleed from his stomach and lost consciousness. The man was taken to an area hospital and needed surgery to repair extensive internal damage.

Osbourne is also charged in a second indictment related to an arrest early last month when police allegedly spotted the defendant with a gun. In this separate case, Osbourne is charged in a four-count indictment with criminal possession of a weapon in the second and third degree and unlawful possession of marihuana. If convicted in this case, the defendant faces up to 15 years in prison.

According to the charges, around 5:40 p.m. on October 6, 2020, police saw the defendant park on a street near his residence and exit the vehicle. Earlier in the day, the officer saw the defendant post a video on social media waiving what appeared to be two separated firearms in the air. The officer spotted a bulge under the defendant's pant leg. Police recovered a 9mm handgun allegedly from the defendant, who was then placed under arrest.

The investigation in the attempted murder case was conducted by Detective Michael Klein, of the New York City Police Department's 102nd Precinct Detective Squad. The investigation into the gun case was conducted by Police Officer Christopher Giardina, of the NYPD's 103rd Police Precinct.

Assistant District Attorney Shannon Riordan, of the District Attorney's Felony Trials II Bureau is prosecuting the case, under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Mark Osnowitz, Bureau Chief, Peter Lomp, Deputy Bureau Chief, Michael Kavanagh, Section Chief, and under the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney of Supreme Court Trial Division Pishoy Yacoub.

Criminal complaints and indictments are accusations. A defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty. #

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