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FIVE PEOPLE CHARGED AFTER SEARCH WARRANT TURNS UP DRUGS AND WEAPONS

*Assault Rifle and Drugs with Street Value of \$200,000 Seized
Defendants Face Up to 30 Years in Prison*

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz announced that five people have been arraigned on drugs and weapons charges after a search warrant executed at their Queens Village home uncovered four firearms, including an assault rifle, and more than 4 kilograms of fentanyl-laced cocaine and heroin with a street value of more than \$200,000. A 10-year-old boy lived in the home.

District Attorney Katz said: “Where there are drugs and guns, there is addiction, violence and death. We cannot, and will not, relent in the war against lethal illegal drugs and weapons and will hold accountable drug traffickers threatening the safety of communities.”

Ancil Hazelwood, 48, Courtney Jackson, 32, Malik Lewis, 43, Domonique Sierra, 37, and Jessica Smythe, 28, of 100th Avenue, Queens Village, were arraigned late last night on a complaint charging them each with two counts of criminal possession of a controlled substance in the first, second, third, fourth and fifth degrees; one count of criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh degree; four counts of criminal possession of a weapon in the second degree; two counts of criminal possession of a weapon in the third degree; criminally using drug paraphernalia in the second degree; and endangering the welfare of a child.

Judge Edwin Novillo ordered the defendants to return to court September 25. If convicted, they face up to 30 years in prison.

According to the charges, at approximately 4:40 a.m. on September 20, police executed a court-authorized search warrant on the home shared by the defendants where police found:

- 2,387 grams of cocaine with traces of fentanyl
- 1,676 grams of heroin with traces of fentanyl
- A quantity of crack cocaine
- Psilocybin mushrooms
- Three scales containing cocaine residue
- A Smith and Wesson .45mm pistol with six rounds of ammunition
- A Taurus .9mm pistol with a large capacity ammunition-feeding device containing 22 rounds
- A Taurus 410G revolver with five rounds of ammunition
- A Zastava .223mm assault rifle with five rounds of ammunition
- \$1,052 in cash
- Six kilo presses

At the time of the raid, the 10-year-old was asleep in the bedroom he shared with his parents, Lewis and Jackson.

The investigation was conducted by Detective Edwin Montanez, Sergeant Steven Franzel, Lieutenant Javier Rodriguez, Captain Charles Campisi of Queens South Narcotics and Sergeant Nicholas Bekas of the 105th Police Precinct.

Assistant District Attorney Leann Staines of District Attorney’s Major Economic Crimes Bureau is prosecuting the case, with assistance from Assistant District Attorney Samantha Tighe of Felony Trials III, under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Kieran J. Linehan, Supervisor, Major Narcotics,

Catherine C. Kane, Senior Deputy Bureau Chief, Jonathan Scharf, Deputy Bureau Chief, and Mary Lowenburg, Bureau Chief, and under the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney of the Investigations Division Gerard Brave.

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

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