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A Message from District Attorney

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THREATS OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE ARE UNACCEPTABLE

We charged a Texas man with sending hate-filled and threatening voicemail and written messages to a local assemblyman.

A grand jury handed up a 22-count indictment charging the 44-year-old with making a terroristic threat as a hate crime, aggravated harassment as a hate crime and other crimes.

As alleged, the defendant threatened the elected official by leaving a series of increasingly alarming anti-Muslim messages.

The messages told the politician to keep an eye on his house and family, to start his car and “see what happens,” to watch his back every second until he leaves America and that he deserved to be “six feet under,” and murdered as well.

I want to be very clear: we take threats of violence against any officeholder extremely seriously – and there is no room for hate or bigotry in our political discourse. The defendant now faces substantial prison time, if convicted.

In Friendship,

REPUTED GANG MEMBERS INDICTED FOR ALLEGED SHOOTING SPREE

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz was joined by Mayor Eric Adams and Police Commissioner Jessica S. Tisch to announce the indictment of 12 reputed members of the Floss Money Ballers gang, who were allegedly involved in a year-long shooting spree.

The defendants, all between the ages of 18 and 26, were arrested and charged in a 33-count indictment with attempted murder, conspiracy and multiple other crimes.

A long-term investigation by the DA's office and the NYPD linked shootings in the Laurelton, Queens Village, Springfield Gardens neighborhoods and the Baisley Park Houses to the Floss Money Ballers gang members.

The defendants were arrested on Thursday, August 28, and, following the roundup, there were zero shootings in Southeast Queens over the Labor Day weekend.

“These 12 suspected members of the Floss Money Ballers gang were responsible for the vast majority of shooting incidents in Southeast Queens over the past year,” said DA Katz. “We will not relent in our work to dismantle gangs in this borough.”

A gang war began in September 2024, when reputed members of Blitz Gang 4 shot and killed a Floss Money Ballers member outside of a McDonald's restaurant in Springfield Gardens.

Just hours after the death, five members of the Floss Money Ballers gang drove by a perceived rival gang member's home and opened fire. No one was injured inside the home.

Later that same day, police recovered a 9 mm

Glock with an extended magazine and 59 rounds of ammunition. The gun – which when modified became an automatic weapon – and ammo were allegedly in the possession of an FMB gang member.

More deadly firearms were recovered as a result of court-authorized searches at gang members' homes and during car stops on October 11, 2024, January 17, 2025, and February 21, 2025.

On May 10, 2025, a group of Floss Money Ballers members allegedly organized a drive-by shooting at the Baisley Park Houses. One of the gang members spotted a rival and, as the rival was greeting his grandmother during the Mother's Day weekend, allegedly opened fire. The intended target was hit in both his back and forearm and left for dead.

The man who shot and killed the FMB member outside the McDonald's restaurant was apprehended, pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the first degree and was sentenced in July to 21 years in prison.



ACCUSED GUN RUNNERS CHARGED AND FIREARMS SEIZED



A six-month investigation by the Queens District Attorney's office, the NYPD and Homeland Security Investigations resulted in the seizure of more than 70 guns – including 12 assault weapons – and the arrests of two alleged gun runners.

DA Katz announced the arrests during a news conference with members of the NYPD and HSI along with a display of dozens of recovered firearms.

One defendant from Queens and the other from Georgia were charged with criminal sale of a firearm, criminal possession of a weapon, criminal sale of a controlled substance, conspiracy and other crimes in a 194-count indictment.

"As alleged, these defendants peddled weapons and narcotics – running firearms, assault rifles and at least one ghost gun up from the South to be sold in our borough," said DA Katz. "We are determined to dismantle the Iron Pipeline that places countless lives at risk, and we will prosecute any gun traffickers who take advantage of lax gun laws in other states to bring dangerous guns into Queens County."

The two men allegedly used a Rosedale McDonald's parking lot to meet and swap cash for guns and drugs.

On one occasion, an undercover officer met with the Queens defendant and passed \$4,300 to the defendant, who in turn allegedly gave the "buyer" a knapsack containing six handguns, one of which was defaced, and five of which had high-capacity magazines.

During another "buy" the defendant allegedly traded 98 fentanyl pills and a suitcase containing eight firearms, including an assault rifle and a ghost gun for \$9,400.

If convicted, the two men face up to 25 years in prison.

CASES OF INTEREST

A doctor pleaded guilty to rape and sexual abuse and was ordered to serve 24 years in prison followed by 10 years of post-release supervision. **Zhi Alan Cheng** sexually assaulted patients at the hospital where he worked, in addition to acquaintances at his Long Island City apartment.

Cheng, who had his license to practice medicine suspended, must also register as a sex offender.

In another high profile case, the man who was observed on video surveillance dragging a garbage bag to the curb that contained a dead body, was convicted after three hours of jury deliberations. **Roscoe Danielson** was found guilty of second-degree murder, concealment of a human body and other crimes for killing his brother and mother.

The 42-year-old defendant shot his younger brother in the torso and stabbed him approximately 50 times in his head, neck and chest. The 31-year-old victim's body was found after police responded to a call of a foul odor from



the trash bag on 104th Street.

The second victim, the defendant's 58-year-old mother's decomposing body, was discovered following a court-authorized search of the East Elmhurst home the family shared. Cheryl Myrick was stabbed roughly 38 times in her neck and torso.

Danielson faces up to 50 years to life in prison when sentenced.

CONFERENCE FOCUSED ON COMBATTING ANTI-JEWISH HATE CRIMES

In coordination with the Anti-Defamation League of New York and New Jersey, DA Katz hosted the office's first conference focused on combatting anti-Jewish hate crimes in Queens County and beyond. The day-long event was

a gathering of prosecutors, legal scholars, law enforcement officials and advocates from the city and state sharing information, strategies and other insights into prosecuting antisemitic crimes.



NEW CLASS OF PROSECUTORS

District Attorney Katz welcomed a class of 45 prosecutors, who are starting their careers in service of the people of Queens County.

The new class attended 22 different law schools based in New York and throughout the

country. The first-year assistant district attorneys will learn from seasoned prosecutors, participate in a ride-along with members of the NYPD, visit the crime lab and tour the correctional facilities at Rikers Island.

