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**LEADER OF BLOOD HOUND BRIMS, 39 MEMBERS INDICTED FOR 40 ACTS  
OF VIOLENCE INCLUDING FOUR HOMICIDES, FIVE STABBINGS**  
**Leader Ran “Nine-Four Crew” from Rikers Island; Gang Shot it Out with Rivals,  
Boasted on Social Media**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark and New York City Police Commissioner William J. Bratton today announced that 40 alleged gang members—including the leader of the Blood Hound Brims, one of the largest Bloods sets on the East coast--have been indicted on conspiracy charges in connection with 40 acts of violence dating back to 2012 in the Fordham section of the Bronx.

District Attorney Clark said, “The Nine-Four Crew’s disputes with Crips and other gangs led to numerous shootings that turned a swath of the Fordham neighborhood into a bloody battleground. The alleged leader, Latique Johnson, gave orders to attack rival gangs from his cell in Rikers Island. This criminal network reached beyond the walls of the jails to devastate neighborhoods, and that is why we are aggressively investigating crimes on Rikers Island.

“The dismantling of this vicious crew is another step in removing the core group of criminals who are responsible for most of the violence in the Bronx, and it shows the tenacious work of our prosecutors and the NYPD’s Gun Violence Suppression Division.”

Commissioner Bratton said, “These defendants – more than 40 of them – are accused of terrorizing a small section of the Bronx by committing a laundry list of homicides, shootings, stabbings and robberies. The year-long investigation that led to these indictments resulted in the recovery of five firearms and is the kind of precision police and investigative work that allows us to reduce crime by engaging and removing the bad actors from our streets.”

District Attorney Clark said 18 of the defendants were arrested yesterday; 19 were currently incarcerated, and three are still at large. Most of them have been arraigned before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Steven Barrett and bail was set. They are due back in court on November 2, 2016.

The defendants include a 13-year-old boy, who was charged in Family Court. The older gang members allegedly used him to sell drugs or hold guns for them.

They are variously charged in a 95-count indictment with second-degree Murder, second-degree Attempted Murder, first-degree Manslaughter, first- second- third- and fourth-degree Conspiracy, first- and second-degree Assault, second-degree Gang Assault, first-degree Criminal Use of a Firearm, second-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon, first- and third-degree Robbery, and other charges.

According to the investigation, which began a year ago, the “Nine-Four Crew” operated on East 194<sup>th</sup> Street between Webster and Valentine Avenues. The members are mostly Blood Hound Brims, but some are affiliated with Sex Money Murder, the Young



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Bosses, Macballas, Red House Gunners and Loyal Street Gangstas. They disputed with numerous Crip sets, as well as the Trinitarios. The alleged leader is Latique Johnson, 36, also known as “La Brim,” currently incarcerated on another shooting.

The four homicides alleged in the indictment:

- 6/19/2014 – Orlando Gonzalez is shot allegedly by Garrett Warren at 385 E. 194<sup>th</sup> Street. Two years later, Gonzalez died of his wounds.
- 5/20/2015 – Angel Cesar is shot dead allegedly by Fatir Bowie at Creston Avenue and E. 193<sup>rd</sup> Street.
- 6/4/2014 – Leonard Hines is shot dead and Alvin Davidson wounded allegedly by Dayshawn Pantoja.
- 10/9/2015 – Jose Feliciano is shot dead allegedly by Garrett Warren at 4151 Boston Road.

There were five stabbings, two non-fatal shootings and 11 incidents of shots fired, as well as five felony assaults and seven robberies, including the carjacking of a U-Haul.

The members flashed their gang sign and acknowledged each other by calling out “Whopty” when they spotted each other. They referred to themselves on social media as “BIG 4’s” and “900.”

Often after a shooting or stabbing occurred, members discussed and even bragged about it on Facebook. During the investigation, approximately two million pages of Facebook were reviewed. Five firearms were recovered.

The case was investigated by New York City Police Department Detectives Patrick Nichols and Michael Delgado and Sergeant Darren Melhado and Sergeant Michael Melendez of the Gun Violence Suppression Division.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Christine Scaccia, Deputy Chief of the Homicide Bureau and Chief of the Gang/Major Case Bureau.

District Attorney Clark also thanked the Department of Correction and the NYPD Warrants Division, the 48<sup>th</sup> Precinct and 52<sup>nd</sup> Precinct Detective Squads and Bronx Narcotics for their assistance in this case.

**An indictment is an accusatory instrument and not proof of a defendant’s guilt.**

Defendants:

Miguel Belardo (“Pookie”, “Ninefour Pook”), DOB 10/3/95  
365 East 193<sup>rd</sup> Street, Bronx, NY

Darryl McCoy (“West”, “MoneyWestMurdaa”), DOB 4/10/84  
2664 Briggs Avenue, Bronx, N

Fatir Bowie (“Flow”, “Murda Gang Flow”), DOB 7/10/96  
1459 Wythe Place, Bronx, NY



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Garrett Warren ("Gary", "Slim"), DOB 3/12/89  
2549 Decatur Avenue, Bronx, NY

Patrick Johnson ("Jada", "Jada Hound"), DOB 8/23/91  
2608 Briggs Avenue, Bronx, NY

Deyshawn Pantoja ("Pun"), DOB 8/21/95  
2641 Marion Avenue, Bronx, NY

Eric Patterson ("Moe", "Doratchi Moe"), DOB 3/8/96  
2670 Bainbridge Avenue, Bronx, NY

Carmen Berganzo ("Barmen Bandoe", "Barmen Armstead"), DOB 3/3/97  
1225 Sheridan Avenue, Bronx, NY

Christopher Estrella ("Diff", "Diffy Diff", "Diff Hound"), DOB 5/4/93  
2068 Matthews Avenue, Bronx, NY

Maxxie Jordan ("Maxx Out", "Moe Hound"), DOB 11/23/91  
1133 East 221 Street, Bronx, NY

Garrell Grooms ("Rell"), DOB 10/11/88  
1810 Lafayette Avenue, Bronx, NY

Todd Johnson ("Ziggy", "Red House Ziggy"), DOB 10/9/90  
2661 Bainbridge Avenue, Bronx, NY

Terrell Aulet ("Slim"), DOB 12/4/93  
2661 Bainbridge Avenue, Bronx, NY

Joel Figueroa ("Mulah", "Pablo Mulah Escobar"), DOB 12/18/95  
265 East 194<sup>th</sup> Street, Bronx, NY

Jancarlos Cabral ("Polo", "Polo Gambino"), DOB 7/10/96  
2022 Muliner Avenue, Bronx, NY

Bryan Allen ("Banks", "Banko Guapo"), DOB 4/4/93  
4088 Grace Avenue, Bronx, NY

Lawrence Green ("LJ"), DOB 1/24/94  
2592 Creston Avenue, Bronx, NY

Joshua Pomales ("JoJo", "JoJo Chase Em Down"), DOB 6/2/96  
948 East 179<sup>th</sup> Street, Bronx, NY

Adan Gil ("A.D.", "AD Mob"), DOB 8/15/98  
2707 Creston Avenue, Bronx, NY

Joshue Vasquez ("Josh", "MostWanted Josh"), DOB 7/20/99  
2067 Crotona Avenue, Bronx, NY

Jordan Deleon ("Rico", "Rico YB Shmurda", "Rico frm 94"), DOB 8/31/98  
2710 Bainbridge Avenue, Bronx, NY



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Paul Pedley ("Paul Staylowkey", "Paul Balla"), DOB 6/15/00  
2734 Bainbridge Avenue, Bronx, NY

Shelby Hines ("Hellahigh Shelby"), DOB 4/28/98  
2578 Briggs Avenue, Bronx, NY

Angel Benitez ("Vado", "Glogang Vado"), DOB 4/22/99  
1070 Elder Avenue, Bronx, NY

Roberto Aponte ("Melo", "Melo Dagod"), DOB 6/16/00  
236 East 197<sup>th</sup> Street, Bronx, NY

Michael Fernandez ("Kasper", "Kasper BDK", "Whiteboy"), DOB 3/7/98  
3102 Villa Avenue, Bronx, NY

Miguel Velez ("M-Dot"), DOB 2/11/99  
2656 Decatur Avenue, Bronx, NY

Jose Flores ("Jose Savage", "Joe"), DOB 11/6/97  
2650 Briggs Avenue, Bronx, NY

Bryan Polanco ("Brian Hound"), DOB 12/28/00  
265 East 194<sup>th</sup> Street, Bronx, NY

Latique Johnson ("La Brim", "La" "Lat", "Lot"), DOB 1/20/80  
3402 Wright Avenue, Bronx, NY

Jaime Acosta ("Hime", "Hime Draws", "Hime Gotthedrop"), DOB 4/30/95  
2327 Andrews Avenue, Bronx, NY

Robert Bowie ("K.O.", "King Mac"), DOB 8/14/95  
1459 Wythe Place, Bronx, NY

Hector Calderon ("Rene", "Rene longlivetico", "LSG Rene Ticolives"), DOB 11/13/98  
1035 Boynton Avenue, Bronx, NY

D'Ondre Innis ("Dre Cash"), DOB 10/4/92  
2641 Marion Avenue, Bronx, NY

Craig Barclay ("Paseo"), DOB 10/27/83  
114-91 180<sup>th</sup> Street, Queens, NY

Ronny Rocha, DOB 1/10/97  
2709 Heath Avenue, Bronx, NY

Ulyse Lugo ("Jun Jun"), DOB 8/28/99  
265 East 194<sup>th</sup> Street, Bronx, NY

Markel Smalls ("Kellz"), DOB 1/17/94  
2640 Marion Avenue, Bronx, NY

Angel Gonzalez ("Dutch"), DOB 12/2/83  
237 East 194<sup>th</sup> Street, Bronx, NY