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**TWENTY MEMBERS OF “SLATTERY AVENUE BOYS” GANG INDICTED
IN CONSPIRACY INCLUDING TWO MURDERS
Defendants Allegedly Assaulted Rival Gangs And Innocent Victims;
Murdered Teen Over Two Dollars In 2016 Robbery;
Robbed Family Out Shopping On Christmas Eve 2014, Stabbed Son**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that 20 members of the Slattery Avenue Boys gang have been indicted in a Conspiracy that caused a wave of bloodshed in the Fordham/Mount Hope neighborhoods over four years that included two murders, assaults on rival gangs and brutal crimes against innocent victims.

District Attorney Clark said, “The violence allegedly wrought by these defendants was fierce and prolific, and left surviving victims irreparably damaged. These young defendants chose the gang life and this case shows how it will lead to either death or prison.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendants are variously charged in a 41-count indictment including Conspiracy, Reckless Endangerment, Criminal Possession of a Weapon, Attempted Murder, Gang Assault, Assault and Robbery. If convicted of the top charge of first-degree Conspiracy, they face a minimum of 15 to 25 years and a maximum of life in prison.

Ten of the defendants were already incarcerated and seven were arrested and arraigned on Sept. 12, 2017 before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Robert Neary. Three are still being sought.

According to the investigation, members of the gang, which began as a dance/rap crew in Slattery Playground on East 183rd Street between Valentine and Ryer Avenues, stepped up their battles with rivals in 2013. On August 2, 2013, Juan Calderon, Jahkim Wright and Abraham Moore allegedly shot and killed Khaleed Adams in retaliation for a shooting that left Calderon’s brother paralyzed. On December 28, 2015, in Jimmy Jazz Clothing Store on East Fordham Road, Wright and Moore allegedly stabbed an opposing gang member in the torso, eviscerating part of his bowel.



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According to the investigation, on June 17, 2016, Tristan Ortiz allegedly acted in concert with another to stab random victim Carl Ducasse, 17, to death when he refused to give them two dollars.

On Christmas Eve 2014, a man and his 19-year-old daughter, 16-year-old son and his three young children were out Christmas shopping when Tyquan McNeil, Joshua Castro and another individual allegedly demanded the family's property. During the course of the robbery, the teen son was stabbed twice in the back.

According to the investigation, on February 3, 2015 Wright, Tyrell Griffin, Will Jetter and Laron Hudson and others had gathered for a wake following the death of a fellow Slattery Boys member. During the wake they went to a nearby bodega where they allegedly stabbed an innocent bystander—puncturing his lung--whom they believed to be a rival gang member.

On March 16, 2017, inside a Rikers Island jail, Nasir Cooper allegedly slashed a fellow inmate multiple times in the head, face and body.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Morgan Dolan of the Homicide Bureau under the supervision of Christine Scaccia, Chief of the Homicide Bureau, and the overall supervision of Nicole Keary, Deputy Chief of the Trial Division and Jeremy Shockett, Chief of the Trial Division.

District Attorney Clark thanked Detectives Michael Delgado and Patrick Nichols of the NYPD Gun Violence Suppression Unit for their work in the case.

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

DEFENDANTS

Juan Calderon, 24
Jahkim Wright a/k/a "Jah", 23
Abraham Moore a/k/a "Abe", 23
Tyrell Griffin a/k/a "Tye", 23
Will Jetter, 21
Laron Hudson a/k/a "Yungie", 25



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Tristan Ortiz a/k/a "Wizzy", 20
Joshua Castro, 19
Nasir Cooper a/k/a "Nas", 20
Jon Arce a/k/a "Jon Jon", 19
Tyquan McNeil a/k/a "Ty Gz", 20
Christian Salcedo a/k/a "Sandy", 18
John Doe, 16
John Doe, 15
Joseph Valdez, 18
Jeffrey Valdez a/k/a "Charlie Balla", 19
Shameek Mitchell a/k/a "Sha", 24
Joel DeJesus a/k/a "Ha", 22
Daniel Vega a/k/a "Doofy", 23
Curtis Wilson a/k/a "Gilly", 20

CHARGES

The indictment variously charges the defendants with the following:

- One of count first-degree Conspiracy, one count of second-degree Conspiracy, two counts of third-degree Conspiracy and one count of fourth-degree Conspiracy.
- One count of first-degree Reckless Endangerment
- Six counts of second-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon and four counts of fourth-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon
- Six counts of Attempted Murder second-degree
- One count of first-degree Gang Assault and one count of second-degree Gang Assault
- Two counts of first-degree Assault and four counts of second-degree Assault
- One count of first-degree Robbery, two counts of second-degree Robbery and one count of third-degree Robbery
- One count of Attempted Robbery in the Second-Degree
- One count of fifth-degree Criminal Possession of Stolen Property
- Four counts of Attempted Assault in the First-Degree
- One count of fourth-degree Criminal Mischief