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ALLEGED GANG MEMBER INDICTED ON WEAPONS CHARGES FOR POSSESSING “GHOST GUN” AND AMMUNITION

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been indicted on weapons charges after NYPD Officers arrested him for allegedly possessing a loaded “ghost gun.”

District Attorney Clark said, “The defendant, an alleged Bloods gang member, was arrested by NYPD Officers of the Neighborhood Safety Team for allegedly possessing a pistol, which was a “ghost gun,” and ammunition. With this arrest we have one less weapon on our streets.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, David Echevarria, 20, last of Bronx Park East, was arraigned today on second-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon, two counts of third-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon, Criminal Possession of a Firearm, fourth-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon, and Possession of Ammunition before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Albert Lorenzo. Bail was continued at \$100,000 cash/100,000 bond/\$100,000 partially secured bond at 10 percent. The defendant is due back in court on April 25, 2022.

According to the investigation, on March 14, 2022 at approximately 4:30 p.m., the defendant was standing near Pugsley Avenue and Haviland Avenue with other individuals. NYPD Officers of the 43rd Precinct Neighborhood Safety Team, who were on patrol, arrested the defendant for allegedly possessing a 9mm pistol. The firearm was a “ghost gun”—untraceable because it is made of components with no serial number or markings from a manufacturer. It had seven rounds in the magazine and one in the chamber.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Justin Thompson of the Economic Crimes Bureau, under the supervision of Michelle Milanes, Deputy Chief of the Economic Crimes Bureau, and Herman Wun, Chief of the Economic Crimes Bureau, and under the overall supervision of Denise Kodjo, Deputy Chief of the Investigations Division, and Wanda Perez-Maldonado, Chief of the Investigations Division.

District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Officers Kenny Acosta, Brian Estevez, Issael Beato



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and Alejandro Ochoa of the 43rd Precinct Neighborhood Safety Team for their work in the investigation.

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

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