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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO TWO YEARS IN PRISON
FOR POSSESSING GHOST GUNS
Had Built Six Assault Rifles, Had Parts for Two More**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced to two years in prison after pleading guilty to Criminal Possession of a Weapon for possessing six “ghost guns” --assault-style rifles that he built from parts-- as well as components to assemble two more.

District Attorney Clark said, “The defendant assembled deadly weapons that would have been untraceable, and could have unleashed havoc on our community. We continue our efforts to stem the proliferation of ghost guns and prosecute those who sell or use them.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Peter Rivera, 67, of 300 Reservoir Place, was sentenced Monday, April 25, 2022, to two years in prison, two years post-release supervision and 90 days of alcohol treatment by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Joseph McCormack. The defendant pleaded guilty to second-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon on March 16, 2022.

According to the investigation, on November 20, 2020 inside the defendant’s home in the Norwood section of the Bronx, a search warrant was executed in which investigators recovered six completed assault-style rifles, none with serial numbers, as well as firearm components capable of being constructed into at least two other assault-style rifles. Investigators also found numerous imitation pistols, unfinished receivers, and a work bench and tools for the construction of firearms. The defendant purchased the weapons parts online.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jesse Hudson and former Assistant District Attorney Peter D’Angelo of the Organized Criminal Activity Bureau, under the supervision of Newton Mendys, Chief of the Organized Criminal Activity 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 Detective Victor Cardona of the Criminal Intelligence Section for his assistance in the investigation.