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FRANK J. CHIARA, CHIEF OF BRONX DA DETECTIVE INVESTIGATORS, RETIRES AFTER SERVING NEARLY FIFTY YEARS

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that Frank J. Chiara is retiring as Chief of Detective Investigators after 47 years of distinguished service.

District Attorney Clark said, “On July 3, 1978, what would eventually become an extraordinary career of diligent public service began when Frank Chiara entered the Bronx DA’s Office. Four district attorneys and 47 years later, Frank embarks on a much-deserved retirement.”

“Frank has been at the forefront, a leader, and someone this Office could count on to enhance prosecutions and to hold people accountable for breaking the law. He has helped bring justice to thousands of people in the Bronx, and has mentored as many young investigators and other staff members,” District Attorney Clark said.

Frank began his career in the DA’s Office as a detective investigator and was later promoted to Lieutenant and then Deputy Chief. He was named Chief of Detective Investigators in April 2010. In that role he oversaw a unit of law enforcement professionals who conduct investigations, protect witnesses, extradite criminals and gather evidence to support prosecution.

The Bronx DA’s Investigative Unit established a reputation as an elite law enforcement unit. One of their greatest triumphs was busting an illegal gun-running operation in 1988. That yearlong investigation netted 150 guns and led to a write-up in the Daily News. The defendant pleaded guilty and was sentenced to five years in



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prison. Another notable case was a three-year narcotics investigation on Valentine Ave that Frank led. The investigation ended with the arrest of 53 defendants and the seizure of \$2M in illicit drugs and money.

Frank was born in Queens and now resides in Long Island. Over the years Frank has devoted countless hours of his time as a volunteer in his community and plans to continue that volunteer work during his retirement.

Frank's last day was Thursday, December 18.