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**EIGHT MEN INDICTED IN VEHICLE THEFT OPERATION THAT STOLE
LUXURY CARS IN NJ, FENCED THEM IN BRONX GARAGE AND
SHIPPED THEM TO WEST AFRICA
72 Cars Totaling \$6.6 Million, Including \$475k Rolls Royce**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark, New York City Police Commissioner Jessica S. Tisch and New Jersey Attorney General Matthew J. Platkin today announced that eight men have been charged in a multi-million-dollar auto theft scheme that fenced luxury vehicles in the Bronx for shipment to West Africa, capping a nine-month investigation dubbed “Operation High Rollers.”

District Attorney Clark said, “This case reflects how car theft today is a global enterprise. Millions of dollars’ worth of stolen vehicles—including a \$475,000 Rolls Royce—were taken to a Bronx parking garage that defendants used as a showroom. The vehicles wound up in shipping containers in Elizabeth, NJ and then sent to West Africa. My Office worked with the NYPD and NJ Attorney General Platkin’s office to identify and dismantle this group, and I thank them. We will not tolerate auto crime in the Bronx.”

Commissioner Tisch said, “This case shows the sophistication and scale of today’s auto theft rings — stealing luxury vehicles across state lines, fencing them in the Bronx, and shipping them overseas. These are not low-level crimes; they are part of a multimillion-dollar black market that fuels violence and instability. Thanks to the extraordinary work of NYPD Auto Crime Division detectives, the Bronx District Attorney’s Office, and our partners in New Jersey, this criminal network has been dismantled. We will continue to pursue those who profit from organized auto crime and protect New Yorkers from its ripple effects.”

Attorney General Platkin said, “Breaking into homes to steal key fobs to facilitate stealing vehicles adds a new layer of danger to car theft. Our law enforcement partners in New Jersey and New York are working to shut down these kinds of crimes. We’re thankful to Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark and her team for working with us on this case. To combat organized



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auto theft rings we need to be able to reach across jurisdictions and state lines to keep everyone in the region safe and hold perpetrators accountable.”

District Attorney Clark said four of the defendants are variously charged in one indictment with four counts of first-degree Criminal Possession of Stolen Property and 131 counts of Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in second or third degrees, according to the value of the vehicle, and fourth-degree Conspiracy.

Four of the defendants are charged in separate indictments with Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in second or third degrees.

Five of the defendants were arrested on April 23, 2024. One was arraigned on April 23 and four are awaiting arraignment today. Three have not yet been arrested.

Five of the Bronx defendants are also charged in New Jersey with Racketeering related to the thefts of the cars.

The Bronx District Attorney’s Office worked with NYPD Auto Crime Division detectives and the New Jersey Attorney General’s Office on the investigation, which began in July 2024. According to the investigation, cars stolen from New Jersey, Connecticut and New York were driven to a parking garage at 870 Jennings Street in Longwood. There, the buyers would inspect the vehicle, pay cash, and drive them out. Transactions were captured on video surveillance.

Many of the vehicles were recovered in Elizabeth NJ, in shipping containers bound for Gambia and Ghana, by Homeland Security Investigations and Port Authority of New York/New Jersey.

The case is being prosecuted by Senior Investigative Assistant District Attorney Miriam Bell-Blair, Assistant District Attorney Oscar Carias and Assistant District Attorney Lawrence Rozenblum, of the Trial Division, under the supervision of Jessica-Deanna Lupo, a Deputy Bureau Chief in the Trial Division, under the overall supervision of James Brennan, Deputy Chief of the Trial Division, and Theresa Gottlieb, Chief of the Trial Division.

District Attorney Clark thanked Legal Case Writer Karla Leiva, Trial Preparation Assistants Greg Gentry and Sebastian Mercado, Executive Assistant Kristal Reyes, all of Trial Division;



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Intelligence Analyst Alanna Lydeatte-Hepburn of the Crime Strategies Bureau, and Senior Detective Investigator Brendan Sullivan for their assistance with the case.

District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Auto Crime Division, specifically NYPD Detectives Stephen Carey and Bryant Ventura for their work in the investigation.

DEFENDANTS

- (1) Mamadou Camara, 29, Lafontain Avenue, Bronx.
- (2) Moussa Doumbia, 30, Belmont Avenue, Bronx.
- (3) Arona Amadou, 35, East 212th Street, Bronx.
- (4) Moubarak Djibril, 23, Paulding Avenue, Bronx; (not in custody)
- (5) Mohamed Kamara, 26, East 175th Street, Bronx; arraigned on April 23, ROR
- (6) Mouslim Ouedaogo, 32, Colgate Avenue, Bronx.
- (7) Mamadi Sidibe, 24, West 137th Street, Manhattan; (not in custody)
- (8) Amadou Fofana, 35, Washington Avenue, Bronx; (not in custody)

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