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**THREE MEN INDICTED FOR ALLEGEDLY CONSPIRING TO TRAFFICK
ILLEGAL FIREARMS INTO THE BRONX**
Defendants Allegedly Transported Weapons From Virginia to New York

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that three men have been charged in a 43-count indictment for an alleged gun trafficking operation in which multiple firearms were transported illegally from Virginia to New York and then resold to an undercover investigator.

District Attorney Clark said, “These three defendants are accused of bringing illegal guns into the Bronx and threatening the safety of our citizens for the purpose of financial gain, often using social media to discuss payment. This indictment signals the end of this reckless plan. I applaud the investigator who prevented the flow of these dangerous weapons into the borough.”

District Attorney Clark said that defendants Jose Tejeda Jr., AKA “Chapo”, 29, of the Bronx, and Nazaya Gonzalez, AKA “Gotti”, 28, of Virginia, were arraigned September 4, 2026, by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Pamela Goldsmith. Gonzalez was charged with first-degree Criminal Sale of a Firearm, second-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon, and other related charges, while Tejeda Jr. was charged with Conspiracy in the Fourth Degree and Conspiracy in the Fifth Degree. Both defendants are due back in court on December 9, 2026. The third defendant has not yet been apprehended.

According to the investigation, between December 2023 and May 2024, Gonzalez sent photos of firearms to Tejeda Jr. and then drove the guns selected for purchase from Virginia to New York. Tejeda Jr. allegedly bought eight firearms from Gonzalez, either paying in cash or by making electronic transfers to the third defendant. Once in possession of guns, Tejeda Jr. resold them unknowingly to an undercover investigator.

The case is being prosecuted by Supervising Assistant District Attorney Stephen J. Russo of the Violent Criminal Enterprise Bureau, under the supervision of Keturah Ladd, Deputy Chief of the Violent Criminal Enterprise Bureau, under the supervision of L. Newton Mendys, Chief of



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Violent Criminal Enterprise Bureau, and under the overall supervision of Denise Kodjo, Deputy Chief of Investigations Division and Wanda Perez-Maldonado, Chief of Investigations Division.

District Attorney Clark thanked Bureau Chief Craig Cecchini, Deputy Bureau Chief Ronald Sannicandro, and Supervising Assistant District Attorney Alessandra Ambrosi of the Special Investigations Bureau; Bureau Chief Diane Gatto and Deputy Bureau Chief Tammy Vadasz of the Grand Jury Bureau; Intelligence Analyst Gabrielle Aarons of the Crime Strategies Bureau; Laboratory Director Selena Ley, Digital Forensic Examiner II Julie Moy and Digital Forensic Lab Analyst Ava Paravati of the Digital Forensics Lab; Peter Kennedy, Chief of the Technical Investigation Bureau, Trial Preparation Assistant Supervisor Jeanette Pol of the Investigations Division, and Trial Preparation Assistants Victor Ortiz, Alijah Baker, and Karina Johnson of the Violent Criminal Enterprise Bureau for their assistance with the case.

District Attorney Clark thanked BXDA Senior Detective Investigators Gregory Maloney and Anai Tamarez; and Deputy Chief Investigator Peter Holness for their work in the case.

District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Detective Victor Voronkov, Lieutenant Andrew Bocchieri and Narcotics Borough Bronx North for their work in the investigation.

An indictment is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.