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TWENTY-TWO MEMBERS OF VIOLENT GANG CHARGED WITH RACKETEERING, MURDER, NARCOTICS, ROBBERY, AND FIREARMS OFFENSES

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, today announced the filing of a thirty-five count superseding Indictment charging twenty-two members of the Dekalb Avenue Crew -- a violent street gang that operated in the vicinity of 213th Street and DeKalb Avenue in the Bronx -- with murder, racketeering, gun-point robbery and attempted robbery, firearms offenses, and narcotics conspiracy. Twenty-one of the twenty-two defendants have been arrested and are in federal custody. CARMEN MOORE remains at large. According to the superseding Indictment filed yesterday in Manhattan federal court:

From 1997 to approximately April 2007, members and associates of the Dekalb Avenue Crew included: BOBBY SAUNDERS, a/k/a "Bobby Moore," BOBBY MOORE, JR., a/k/a "Pops," a/k/a "Poppy," TYRONE MOORE, a/k/a "Puss," HISAN LEE, a/k/a "Devontea Clark," a/k/a "Ice," HIBAH LEE, ANDRE DAVIDSON, a/k/a "O Dog," SELBOURNE WAITE, a/k/a "Silky," a/k/a "Bling," DELROY LEE, a/k/a "Specs," a/k/a "DJ," and ROBERT MORRISON, a/k/a "Chips," CARMEN MOORE, a/k/a "Munchie," LEVAR GAYLE, a/k/a "Train," DAKWAN EDWARDS, a/k/a "Doc," MARQUISH JONES, a/k/a "Lunchbox," MARK HART, a/k/a "Movements," RAHEEM TUCKER, a/k/a "Ras," DEMETRI YOUNG, a/k/a "Walter Malone," CHRISTOPHER DIAZ, a/k/a "X Box," ANTHONY DIAZ, a/k/a "Little X," PAUL LOVE, AARON BIRCH, a/k/a "A," a/k/a "Ace," KEVIN BECKFORD, a/k/a "Carl Beckford," JERMELL FALZONE, a/k/a "Mel."

Nine defendants -- BOBBY SAUNDERS, a/k/a "Bobby Moore," BOBBY MOORE, JR., a/k/a "Pops," a/k/a "Poppy," TYRONE MOORE, a/k/a "Puss," HISAN LEE, a/k/a "Devontea Clark," a/k/a "Ice," HIBAH LEE, ANDRE DAVIDSON, a/k/a "O Dog," SELBOURNE WAITE, a/k/a "Silky," a/k/a "Bling," DELROY LEE, a/k/a "Specs," a/k/a "DJ,"

and ROBERT MORRISON, a/k/a "Chips," -- are charged with racketeering and conspiracy to commit racketeering for their participation in the operation and management of the Dekalb Avenue Crew. All twenty-two defendants are charged with conspiring to sell large quantities of crack cocaine, powder cocaine, and marijuana in the vicinity of 213th Street and Dekalb Avenue in the Bronx. On several occasions, narcotics were sold to undercover officers and confidential informants. One of the defendants, DAKWAN EDWARDS, is alleged to have been in possession of a sawed-off shotgun, as well as quantities of both cocaine and marijuana.

In addition to selling drugs, the Dekalb Avenue Crew robbed or attempted to rob individuals they believed to be in possession of drugs and drug proceeds. Nine robberies were committed at gunpoint, during six of which victims were shot or shot at, and during two of which victims were restrained. Members of the Dekalb Avenue Crew also committed or threatened other acts of violence, including the murder of four individuals, to preserve and protect the power of the organization. For example:

On August 23, 2000, HISAN LEE and DELROY LEE planned to rob an individual whom they believed to be a drug dealer, of drugs and drug proceeds. During the course of the robbery, which occurred in the Bronx, HISAN LEE and DELROY LEE kidnaped and eventually murdered the individual.

On July 25, 2003, HISAN LEE and HIBAH LEE robbed another individual in the Bronx, whom they suspected to be a drug dealer, of several pounds of marijuana, and, in the course of that robbery, murdered him.

In March 2005, HISAN LEE and DELROY LEE discussed plans to rob another suspected drug dealer, and, on April 1, 2005, SELBOURNE WAITE and DELROY LEE robbed the victim of narcotics proceeds and murdered the victim.

On March 21, 2006, ANDRE DAVIDSON attempted to rob another suspected drug dealer, and, in the course of that attempted robbery, murdered him.

In total, HISAN LEE, HIBAH LEE, DELROY LEE, SELBOURNE WAITE, and ANDRE DAVIDSON are charged with committing murder in aid of racketeering for four separate murders. The Indictment further charges BOBBY SAUNDERS, BOBBY MOORE, JR., HISAN LEE, HIBAH LEE, ANDRE DAVIDSON, SELBOURNE WAITE, DELROY LEE, ROBERT MORRISON, LEVAR GAYLE, and MARK HART with conspiring to commit robberies of individuals they believed to be in possession of

narcotics and narcotics proceeds, and other individuals engaged in commercial activities, including a construction company.

The Indictment also charges fourteen separate firearms offenses in connection with the murders, robberies, attempted robberies, and narcotics trafficking offenses. Specifically, BOBBY SAUNDERS, CARMEN MOORE, BOBBY MOORE, JR., TYRONE MOORE, HISAN LEE, HIBAH LEE, ANDRE DAVIDSON, SELBOURNE WAITE, DELROY LEE, DAKWAN EDWARDS, MARQUISH JONES, AARON BIRCH, and JERMELL FALZONE, are each charged with using and carrying a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime. BOBBY MOORE, JR., HISAN LEE, HIBAH LEE, ANDRE DAVIDSON, SELBOURNE WAITE, DELROY LEE, ROBERT MORRISON, and LEVAR GAYLE are further charged with using and carrying firearms in connection with the charged murders, robberies, and attempted robberies. DELROY LEE is also charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The Government is seeking to forfeit at least \$5 million, which represents the gross proceeds received by the DeKalb Avenue Crew pursuant to their racketeering and other criminal activities.

The defendants are scheduled to be arraigned in Manhattan federal court by United States District Judge BARBARA S. JONES at 3 p.m. today.

Mr. GARCIA praised the outstanding work of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives; the Department of Homeland Security's U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and the New York City Police Department for their work in this investigation.

Assistant United States Attorneys ELIZABETH F. MARINGER and MICHAEL Q. ENGLISH are in charge of the prosecution.

The charges contained in the Indictment are merely accusations and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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