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**NOTIFICATION – SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT
IN AIRPLANE GUN TRAFFICKING CASE**

Dear Community Partner in Justice:

Brooklyn District Attorney Ken Thompson, together with New York City Police Commissioner William J. Bratton, today announced the filing of a 657-count superseding indictment charging three alleged interstate firearms traffickers with smuggling guns into our State – including flying them to New York from Georgia on commercial flights – with aggravated enterprise corruption.

A total of four defendants – including a former Delta Air Lines ramp worker – were previously charged in the case for allegedly conspiring to sell 153 firearms, almost all of which were purchased in Georgia and destined for the streets of Brooklyn. The superseding indictment adds a fifth defendant, another former Delta ramp worker, to the case. The aggravated enterprise corruption statute went into effect in 2013 and this indictment is the first time it is being used in New York State.

District Attorney Thompson said, “Upon further investigation and review, upgraded charges are appropriate in this case, which exposed a gaping hole in our airport and national security. These defendants, due to the very serious nature of the charges, now face life in prison under aggravated enterprise corruption.”

Sincerely,

Ken Thompson