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COMMUNITY PARTNER IN JUSTICE NOTIFICATION
TWENTY-TWO DEFENDANTS INDICTED FOR OPERATING HEROIN
AND COCAINE TRAFFICKING RINGS IN WILLIAMSBURG

Brooklyn District Attorney Ken Thompson and New York City Police Commissioner William J. Bratton announced today that 22 defendants have been indicted on charges that they sold cocaine and heroin in Williamsburg.

One indictment charges 18 defendants with selling cocaine and heroin near South 5th Street and Keap Street. This ring allegedly sold and distributed approximately \$1 million in illegal drugs per year, making between 20-40 sales daily, and storing the drugs in the office of a barbershop. The second indictment charges four defendants with selling crack cocaine, heroin, and marijuana to undercover officers near Lorimer and Ten Eyck Streets.

District Attorney Thompson said, "Drug dealers peddle poison that kills our neighbors, degrades our communities and frequently leads to violence. I have no tolerance for these activities and we will continue to aggressively prosecute these important cases."

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These charges are merely allegations and all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.