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COMMUNITY PARTNER IN JUSTICE NOTIFICATION

**Seven Brooklyn Men Charged in Narcotics Takedown in Clinton Hill;
Numerous “Open-Air” Drug Sales near Schools, Places of Worship**

Brooklyn District Attorney Ken Thompson, together with New York City Police Commissioner William J. Bratton, today announced that seven people have been arrested for allegedly selling heroin, crack-cocaine, marijuana and other narcotics to undercover officers over the past eight months as part of an anti-drug initiative in Clinton Hill, Brooklyn.

District Attorney Thompson said, “These defendants have been charged for allegedly dealing crack-cocaine, heroin and other drugs in broad daylight and near schools and houses of worship in total disregard for the children and people who attend them. We did this investigation and made these arrests because we're determined to rid our communities of the scourge of drug dealing.”

The District Attorney said that the investigation began in September 2015 following community complaints regarding drug sales in the confines of the 88th precinct in Clinton Hill. Specifically, the investigation focused on a several-block area extending from Gates Avenue in the north to Atlantic Avenue in the south and from Classon Avenue in the east to Clinton Avenue in the west. In addition, a number of the transactions took place in Bedford-Stuyvesant in the vicinity of Fulton Street and Nostrand Avenue.

Over the course of the investigation, undercover officers made approximately 48 buys

of crack cocaine, heroin, Klonopin, marijuana and Xanax. The drugs were branded with various names, including "Red Dragon," "Death Strike" and "Jack Daniels."

The majority of the buys were made within 1,000 feet of schools and approximately three transactions were made directly in front of or a few steps away from religious institutions. A number of transactions occurred inside an abandoned residential building located at 488 Waverly Avenue. Following the investigation, the building was seized.

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