

**COUNTY OF SUFFOLK  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**



**THOMAS J. SPOTA  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

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**Seven arrests in Suffolk gun bust; weapons traced to southern states**

***\*A list of defendant names, age, address, criminal charges, gang affiliation, and defense attorneys is attached.***

District Attorney Thomas Spota today announced the arrests of seven men, three of the street gang members, for sale and possession of firearms; handguns from Virginia, West Virginia, Georgia and North Carolina including a .9 mm pistol used in the December, 2010 murder of a defenseless 19 year old Copiague cab driver.

“Last year alone our Firearms Suppression Team recovered 75 illegal guns from criminals in our county,” Spota said. “In this investigation, the firearms we seized are, for the most part, from gun stores and pawn shops in the southeast.

The rise in gun violence has been well documented said District Attorney Spota.

“Last year in Suffolk County 15 people were murdered by being shot, and over the past four months, eight police officers patrolling the streets of New York City were shot – each one of them with an illegal handgun traced back to a southern state. Law enforcement in Suffolk County has been far more fortunate but with so many guns on our streets we can only hope our luck does not run out.”

Among the arrests announced by the district attorney; Barry Yorke (pronounced York), (AKA “Getty Beans”), 18, of 319 44<sup>th</sup> Street, Copiague, a member of the Bloods street gang, charged in the murder of a 19 year old Five Star Taxi driver. Yorke shot Juan Rosario once in the head with a Hi-Point 9.mm semiautomatic handgun traced to a Macon, Georgia pawn shop. Yorke robbed the victim of approximately \$100. He is charged with murder in the second degree, and four counts of criminal sale of a firearm third degree. He is being held without bail in the Suffolk County jail.

Among the recovered weapons seized by the District Attorney Squad Firearms Suppression Unit and the Suffolk County Police Criminal Intelligence Section are semiautomatic pistols and revolvers traced to Virginia, West Virginia, Georgia, and North Carolina. “Ask any prosecutor in our office who deals with the heart-breaking consequences of when an illegal gun ends up in the hands of the wrong person,” DA Spota said. “We see it every day when we meet with the spouses and children of the loved ones who’ve been shot to death or seriously injured. It’s time for Congress to act to fix the broken background check system, enact tough legislation and devote the necessary resources to ATF, the FBI and other federal law enforcement agencies tasked with protecting our safety,” said Spota.

**Barry Yorke – dob 5/9/93 (Bloods street gang)**

319 44<sup>th</sup> Street, Copiague, NY 11726

Defense Atty – Dan Russo

Judge Weber

Next Court Date - 5/2/12

Charges - 4 counts of Criminal Sale of a Firearm 3rd

(Possession with intent to sell charge and sale charge times 2)

Defendant has been indicted for Murder 2 - Gun used was sold in transaction by Randy Roland.

Defendant also has an open pending indictment for drug possession.

**Jamille Ambrose – dob 1/8/85**

5N Coolidge Avenue, North Amityville NY 11701

Defense Atty – Legal Aid Society

Judge FX Doyle

Next Court Date – 4/16/2012

Charges – 1 count Criminal Possession Weapon 2nd (Class "C" violent);

2 counts Criminal Sale Firearm 3rd

(Sale and Possession with intent to sell - "D" violent)

**Keith Carlisle – dob 7/9/84**

20 Ronek Drive, North Amityville, NY 11701

Defense Atty – Harrison Edwards

Judge Weber

Next Court Date – 5/8/12

Charges - 2 counts Criminal Sale of a Firearm 3rd

(Sale and Possession with intent to sell- "D" violent)

1 count Criminal Possession of a Weapon 3rd

(Possession Firearm with previous criminal conviction)

**Tashawn Combs – dob 9/12/89 (Bloods street gang)**

115 44<sup>th</sup> Street, Copiague, NY 11726

Defense Atty - Natasha Bellinger

Judge FX Doyle

Next Court Date - 4/24/12

Charges – 1 count Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2<sup>nd</sup>

2 counts Criminal Sale Firearm 3<sup>rd</sup>

1 count Criminal Possession of a Weapon 3rd

**Kevin Ray – dob 11/3/85 (Crips street gang)**

849 Dean Drive, Baldwin, NY 11510  
Defense Atty – Derrick Magwood  
Judge Condon  
Next Court Date - 4/12/12  
Charges – 1 count Criminal Possession of a Weapon 3<sup>rd</sup>  
2 counts Criminal Sale of a Firearm 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Randy Roland – dob 5/28/ 90**  
319 44<sup>th</sup> Street, Copiague, NY 11726  
Defense Atty – Legal Aid Society  
Judge Efman  
Next Court Date – 4/17/12  
Charges – 1 count Criminal Possession of a Weapon 3<sup>rd</sup>  
2 counts Criminal Sale of a Firearm 3<sup>rd</sup>

Roland sold the handgun which was used in the homicide for which Barry Yorke is now indicted.

**Michael Wilkins – dob 8/28/79**  
1739 Harrison Avenue, Bay Shore, NY 11706  
Defense Atty – Mike Ahern  
Judge Cohen  
Next Court Date - 4/26/12  
Charges – 1 count Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2<sup>nd</sup>  
2 counts Criminal Sale of a Firearm 3<sup>rd</sup>  
1 count Criminal Possession of a Weapon 3<sup>rd</sup>

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

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**DEATH MERCHANTS**

**BARRY YORKE**  
Charged w/murder

**MURDER WEAPON**

**RANDY ROLAND**  
Sold murder weapon

**MICHAEL WILKINS**

**KEITH CARLISLE**

**KEVIN RAY**

**TASHAWN COMBS**

**JAMILLE AMBROSE**