



THOMAS J. SPOTA  
SUFFOLK COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

FOR **IMMEDIATE** RELEASE  
November 14, 2011

**DA's Squad thwarts home invasion; would be invaders and targeted drug dealer arrested**

The Suffolk County District Attorney's Squad has arrested three men after foiling the planned home invasion of a reputed Farmingville heroin dealer.

District Attorney Thomas Spota said today an undercover detective successfully infiltrated a home invasion crew and thwarted their violent plans to steal heroin and cash from the dealer who was also arrested soon afterward on drug charges.

"Home invasions often involve criminals breaking into and violently robbing the homes of known drug dealers to steal drugs and cash", DA Spota said, "and over the years there have been cases involving these thieves targeting the wrong house and terrorizing innocent citizens."

Arrested and charged with fourth degree possession of a controlled substance (heroin) is the target for the robbery, Lonnie Walker, 29, a resident of the Island Estates condominium complex in Farmingville. District Attorney Spota said detectives seized 140 decks of packaged heroin during a search of Walker's condo, as well as cash and a quantity of marijuana.

The would-be home invaders, now incarcerated in the Suffolk County jail in lieu of \$100,000 cash bail or \$200,000 bond, are 26 year old Joshua A. Whitfield of Huntington and Seyquan Patron, 24, of Mastic Beach.

Whitfield and Patron, believed to be a member of the Bloods street gang, each face attempted burglary and weapons charges.

On October 24, the night the home invasion was thwarted, DA's Squad detectives seized a Taurus .357 Magnum Revolver from the trunk of the vehicle transporting Whitfield and Patron.

"I want to commend all of the police officers involved in this dangerous operation but especially the undercover detective who at great risk to his personal safety prevented this violence from occurring in a residential neighborhood," said District Attorney Spota.



Lonnie Walker  
DOB 12-02-1981



Seyquan Patron  
DOB 09-04-1987



Joshua Whitfield  
DOB: 10-14-1985