

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK  
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## **DA announces 14 arrests w/more to come in East End Drug Task Force ongoing probe**

Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota joined by law enforcement officials affiliated with the East End Drug Task Force today announced the dismantling of two drug distribution networks; one dealing heroin, the other cocaine, in eastern Suffolk County.

To date fourteen people have been arrested and arraigned including three members of the Bloods street gang. More arrests are expected. Approximately six kilos of cocaine and heroin were seized during the execution of more than one dozen search warrants since last Thursday, July 14.

District Attorney Spota said the investigation began when patrol officers from east end police departments saw a significant upward trend in the seizure of both heroin and cocaine last September. The EEDTF began actively looking into where the drugs were coming from and who was responsible for bringing them into the east end, DA Spota said. The task force soon developed information which led them to focus on a cocaine operation in Riverhead and Southampton being supplied principally by Corey Woodley, 36, of Flanders and Eric Thomas, AKA "E", 42, of Riverhead. Thomas, described by the District Attorney as a "significant reseller" for the cocaine distribution network, was on parole at the time of his arrest July 14 when task force members executed a search warrant at his Lewis Street home. Investigators seized cocaine and over \$4,000 in cash from the house, as well as scales, a cocaine "grinder" and other drug paraphernalia.

Other defendants facing criminal charges include Ronald Paschall, also known as "APP", 42, a Northampton man associated with "The Stones" - a subset of the Bloods street gang. Paschall has a prior criminal record including assault and felony drug possession. On July 6 he was arrested in Suffolk County by Task

Force investigators as he was returning to the east end from picking up a kilo and a half of cocaine in NYC.

Paschall has been indicted by a Grand Jury for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the First Degree, a class A felony. DA Spota said the investigation revealed that Paschall was picking up cocaine twice a week which he then sold to resellers who distributed the cocaine to users in East Hampton, Riverhead, Southampton and Southold Towns.

The investigation broadened District Attorney Spota said into a second distribution ring run by Paschall's fellow gang members Jimmy Dean, 38, of Baiting Hollow and Dean's runner, Dwayne Harris, 31, of Riverhead, who sold cocaine primarily.

Dean, a prior felony offender convicted of selling narcotics for which he received a five year prison sentence, is believed to be a leader of the "The Stones" gang on the east end. On July 13, police executed a search warrant at Dean's Warner Drive home and seized heroin, cocaine, packaging materials, a loaded shotgun in the master bedroom next to Dean's bed and another firearm, a loaded semi-automatic Glock, in Dean's car. The handgun was traced to North Carolina where it had been reported stolen. Dwayne Harris of 332 Hamilton Ave., also a member of the Stones gang, has a prior criminal record including drug possession and DWI convictions.

Attending the press conference with DA Spota were Riverhead Town Supervisor Sean Walter and Southampton Town Supervisor Jay Schneiderman, and officials of law enforcement agencies affiliated with the East End Drug Task Force including US Immigration & Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations, Lt. Pete Healey of the NY State Police, the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office, Suffolk County Police Deputy Chief Robert Oswald and Deputy Inspector Armando Valencia who is the Commanding Officer of the SCPD Narcotics Section, Chief Martin Flatley of the Southold PD, Southampton Town Police Chief Rob Pearce, Southampton Village PD Chief Tom Cummins, Riverhead Town Police Chief David Hegemiller, and the Suffolk County Probation Department's Director of Probation Patrice Delpolsky.

"Drug dealers and weapons are a deadly combination. We are pleased to have removed several of both off the streets of Suffolk County during these enforcement operations," said Angel M. Melendez, special agent in charge of HSI New York. "As a member of the East End Drug Task Force, we work as a team to dismantle drug trafficking organizations that flood our communities with drugs and violence".

**The East End Drug Task Force is a multi-jurisdictional drug enforcement unit funded by the office of Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota. The task force includes detectives, police officers and law enforcement personnel from the New York State Police, Suffolk County Police Department, Suffolk County Sheriff's Office, Suffolk County Department of Probation, Southampton Town Police Department, Riverhead Police Department, East Hampton Town Police Department, Southampton Village Police Department, Southold Town Police Department, DEA, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and Suffolk County District Attorney Investigators.**

**East End Drug Task Force Heroin-Cocaine Distribution  
Networks**  
**Defendant Pedigree List 7-19-2016**

**Ronald Paschall aka "App" or "Big App" (DOB: 11/29/73)**

**Birch Ct, Riverhead, NY**

Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 1<sup>st</sup>

Unlawful Fleeing from a Police Officer in a Motor Vehicle 3<sup>rd</sup> – 2 counts

Reckless driving and other traffic violations

Speeding

Unsafe Passing on the Right

Gang Affiliation – Blood

Defense Attorney: Robert Macedonio

Date of Arrest: 7-6-16

**Jerome Carey aka "Sweets" (DOB: 12/11/84)**

**Sound Beach Blvd, Sound Beach, NY**

Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 1<sup>st</sup>

Gang Affiliation – Blood

Defense Attorney: John Loturco

Date of Arrest: 7-6-16

**John Miles aka "Mann" (DOB: 4/2/72)**

**Hampton Ave, Mastic, NY**

Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 1<sup>st</sup>

Gang Affiliation – Blood

Defense Attorney: Legal Aid

Date of Arrest: 7-6-16

**Cory Woodley (DOB: 7/3/80)**

**June Ave, Riverhead, NY**

Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 1<sup>st</sup>

Defense Attorney: Keith O’Halloran

Date of Arrest: 6-14-16

**Herbert Prophet (DOB: 8/11/82)**

**Clinton Ave, Uniondale, NY**

Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 1<sup>st</sup>

Failing to Display a Lit Tail Lamp During Hours of Darkness

Defense Attorney: Raymond Perini

Date of Arrest: 6-14-16

**Reynaldo DeJesusMelo (DOB: 10/13/76)**

**Marion Ave, Bronx, NY**

Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 1<sup>st</sup>

Defense Attorney: Legal Aid

Date of Arrest: 6-29-16

**Jimmy Dean (DOB: 1-7-78)**

**Warner Dr., Baiting Hollow, NY**

Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3<sup>rd</sup> - 2 counts

Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2<sup>nd</sup>

Criminal Possession of Stolen Property 4th

Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia 2<sup>nd</sup> - 2 counts

Criminal Possession of a Weapon

Unlawful Possession of Marijuana

Gang Affiliation – Blood

Defense Attorney: Lane Bubka

Date of Arrest: 7-13-16

**Dwayne K. Harris (9-24-84)**

**Harrison Ave, Riverhead, NY**

Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3<sup>rd</sup> - 3 counts

Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 4th

Criminal Use of Drug Paraphernalia 2<sup>nd</sup>

Unlawful Possession of Marijuana

Gang Affiliation – Blood

Defense Attorney: John Loturco

Date of Arrest: 7-13-16

**Eric Thomas aka “E” (DOB: 9-1-73)**

**Lewis St, Riverhead, NY**

Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3<sup>rd</sup> - 2 counts

Criminal Use of Drug Paraphernalia 2<sup>nd</sup>

Unlawful Possession of Marijuana

Defense Attorney: Jon Manley

Date of Arrest: 7-14-16

**Lakiwa Kelly (DOB: 5-22-86)**

**Fairview Dr, Shirley, NY**

Criminal Possession of Controlled Substance 3<sup>rd</sup>

Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 4<sup>th</sup>

Criminal Use of Drug Paraphernalia 2<sup>nd</sup>

Unlawful Possession of Marijuana

Defense Attorney: Carl Irace

Date of Arrest: 7-16-16

**Walter James (DOB: 6-11-74)**

**Zion St, Riverhead, NY**

Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7<sup>th</sup> – 3 counts

Defense Attorney: Steven Santucci

Date of Arrest: 7-16-16

**Rosemary Hinchy Brown (DOB: 7-17-65)**

**Zion St, Riverhead, NY**

Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3<sup>rd</sup>

Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 4<sup>th</sup>

Criminal Use of Drug Paraphernalia 2<sup>nd</sup>

Unlawful Possession of Marijuana

Defense Attorney: Daniel Barker

Date of Arrest: 7-16-16

**Tiffany Norris (DOB: 2-27-83)**

**Zion St, Riverhead, NY**

Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7<sup>th</sup> – 3 counts

Defense Attorney: Steven Devito

Date of Arrest: 7-16-16

**Shawanna James (DOB: 8-28-72)**

**Flanders Rd, Flanders, NY**

Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7<sup>th</sup>

Date of Arrest: 7-16-16

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