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Ackquille Pollard, aka "Bobby Shmurda," Sentenced to Seven Years in Prison for Conspiracy and Criminal Possession of a Weapon

Bridget G. Brennan, New York City's Special Narcotics Prosecutor, announced today the sentencing of ACKQUILLE POLLARD to seven years in prison and five years post-release supervision for Conspiracy in the Fourth Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree in Manhattan Supreme Court.

On September 9, 2016, POLLARD, aka "Bobby Shmurda," NICHOLAS MCCOY, aka "Flea Montana," and CHAD MARSHALL, aka "Rowdy Rebel," together pleaded guilty to Conspiracy in the Fourth Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree (gun possession conspiracy).

Under the terms of the plea, Manhattan Supreme Court Justice Abraham Clott sentenced POLLARD to an indeterminate term of one to three years for Conspiracy in the Fourth Degree and a seven-year prison term for Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, followed by five years of post-release supervision. These sentences are to run concurrently. Attorneys for MCCOY and MARSHALL requested that their sentencing proceedings be adjourned to a later date.

"We hope that convictions and today's sentence bring greater security and stability to neighborhoods plagued by gun violence," said Special Narcotics Prosecutor Bridget G. Brennan. "These individuals have acknowledged possessing guns and conspiring with others to possess and use guns against others. The 21 weapons seized during the investigation fueled violence at the heart of the case."

POLLARD, MCCOY and MARSHALL were members of a street crew based in East Flatbush, Brooklyn called "GS9," and also performed in a rap group by the same name. During the course of the conspiracy, members of the gang were engaged in a protracted turf battle with multiple rivals, including members of "Brooklyn's Most Wanted" or "BMW," between January 2013 and October 2014. A total of 21 defendants were charged in the indictment.

On December 17, 2014, following a long-term investigation by the New York City Police Department's (NYPD) Brooklyn South Violence Reduction Task Force, POLLARD, MCCOY, MARSHALL and others were arrested in the vicinity of Quad Recording Studios, located at 723 7th Avenue in Manhattan. In addition to 21 guns seized during the course of the investigation, evidence included surveillance video, inmates' recorded phone conversations, DNA and ballistics test results and eyewitness accounts.

In their guilty pleas, POLLARD and MCCOY admitted possession of a loaded firearm inside of 166 Rockaway Parkway, Apt. 9A, in Brooklyn on June 3, 2014 with intent to use the firearms unlawfully against others. Police responded to the apartment following community complaints of drug activity. When the door to the apartment opened, police observed POLLARD standing inside holding a gun and showing it to MCCOY. Police then observed POLLARD attempt to hide the weapon in a couch, where it was subsequently recovered. This gun is the subject of Conspiracy in the Fourth Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree charges.

CHAD MARSHALL, in pleading guilty alongside POLLARD and MCCOY, admitted to possessing and conspiring to possess two guns. On December 17, 2014, he possessed a loaded .9mm pistol in the vicinity of Quad Recording Studios. MARSHALL also acknowledged conspiring to possess a gun that police recovered from under a bed at the Millenium Hotel in Manhattan on August 25, 2014. Police determined the hotel room had been occupied by MARSHALL and observed him attempt to flee. Ballistics evidence linked this .9mm pistol to an incident in which members of GS9 shot at a rival gang member on July 27, 2014 in the vicinity of Hoyt and Bond streets in Brooklyn.

Three additional members of GS9 who previously pleaded guilty to charges contained in the same indictment were also scheduled to be sentenced today. DASHIR BOWENS, aka "Dada," is expected to receive an indeterminate prison term of two to six years for Conspiracy in the Second Degree (murder conspiracy). BRIAN HARVEY, aka "Meeshie," and REMY MARSHALL, aka "Fetti," both pleaded guilty to charges of Conspiracy in the Fourth Degree (gun possession conspiracy) and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree. HARVEY is expected to be sentenced to seven years in prison and REMY MARSHALL to 3 ½ years in prison.

In May 2016, codefendants RASHID DERISSANT, aka "Rasha," and ALEX CRANDON, aka "A-Rod," were sentenced to prison terms of 98 1/3 years to life and 53 1/3 years respectively after a jury convicted them of Murder in the Second Degree, Attempted Murder in the Second Degree, multiple conspiracy charges and numerous other crimes.

Special Narcotics Prosecutor Bridget G. Brennan commended Assistant District Attorneys Nigel Farinha and Susan Lanzatella, Co-Chiefs of the Office of the Special Narcotics Prosecutor's Narcotics Gang Unit, and Assistant District Attorney Thomas John Wright for their work on the case. Special Narcotics Prosecutor Brennan also thanked the New York City Police Department's (NYPD) Brooklyn South Violence Reduction Task Force, the Miami Beach Police Department and the Kings County District Attorney's Office.