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Parole officer finds loaded revolver in New Brighton felon's bedroom, police allege

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- A convicted felon who shot a man three times during a 2003 home invasion robbery is back behind bars, after a visit from his parole officer turned up a loaded revolver, police allege.

Tyrell McKenzie, 29, had a .38 caliber Smith & Wesson revolver stashed in a black bag in his bedroom when his parole officer stopped by his apartment inside 247 Jersey St. in New Brighton at 6 a.m. Tuesday, according to court papers.



Tyrell McKenzie, 29, is back behind bars after his parole officer founded a loaded gun in a bag in his bedroom, police allege.

The gun was loaded with six bullets, and the bag held another 17 loose bullets, court papers allege. The officer also found, on the bedroom dresser, several Ziploc bags, a spoon, a plate and a razor, all with cocaine residue on them, court papers allege.

McKenzie was sentenced in December 2003 to five years of prison, followed by five year of post-release supervision, after McKenzie and a 17-year-old accomplice burst into a 35-year-old man's fourth-floor apartment on the 100 block of Brabant Street on Aug. 12 of that year, according to authorities.

Police said McKenzie pulled out a gun and demanded the victim's money. The victim then lunged at McKenzie with a knife, according to court records.

McKenzie fired, hitting the victim three times, and accidentally wounding his accomplice, court records said.

McKenzie was convicted of first-degree assault. Public records show he was returned to prison in 2011 as a parole violator, and released on Feb. 9, 2012.

His parole was slated to end on April 18, records show.

The new arrest means new charges for McKenzie – second-, third- and fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon, criminal possession of a firearm, seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, criminally using drug paraphernalia and possession of ammunition, according to information from District Attorney Daniel Donovan's office.

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