



Five Parole Officers Receive Commendation for Brave Action

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Five parole officers from Queens recently received commendation, from their supervisor, Queens Bureau Chief A. Preston, for arresting two parolees DOCCS identified as “very high risk for violence and gang membership.”

On January 15, 2015 a team of nine parole officers, along with a Senior Parole Officer, conducted a curfew and residence visit of a parolee listed as a possible gang member living in Far Rockaway, New York. Upon arriving to the home of Jonathan Mejia the parole officers noticed and confiscated a machete, 202 packets of heroin, a separate amount of marijuana, and drug paraphernalia all estimated to be worth \$3,212. Mejia was arrested and charged with two felony counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 5th as well as a misdemeanor count of Criminal Use of Drug Paraphernalia and Unlawful Possession of Marijuana. The parole officers also lodged a parole violation warrant against Mejia.

Receiving commendation for their work were Senior Parole Officer G. Leifer, Parole Officer Trainee J. Shea, Parole Officer Trainee M. Jackson and Parole Officer J. Robinson.

In a separate visit, also on January 15, 2015, a team of parole officers conducted a curfew visit to the home of parolee David Jordan, also in Far Rockaway, New York. During a search of the residence Parole Officer E. Blackman recovered three illegal semi automatic firearms and ammunition from a storage bin in a bedroom closet. As a result parolee Jordan was arrested and charged with felony counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd and Criminal Possession of a Weapon 3rd. Jordan also had a parole warrant lodged against him.

