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Staten Island District Attorney Michael McMahon, NYPD & Homeland Security Investigations Announce Arrest and Indictment of Major New York City Ghost Gun Trafficker

Martin Streich, Indicted on 73 Counts of Firearm-Related Charges, is Alleged to Have 3D Printed and Sold Eight Ghost Guns in Brooklyn and Staten Island Over the Course of Three Months

According to Ballistics Evidence, One of the Firearms Purchased Was Connected to At Least Eight Shootings Perpetrated in Jersey City

If Convicted on the Top Count Felony, Criminal Sale of a Firearm in the First Degree, Streich Faces Upwards of 25 Years Behind Bars

On Tuesday, Richmond County District Attorney Michael E. McMahon, the New York City Police Department (NYPD), and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) announced the arrest and indictment of Martin Streich, a Brooklyn resident alleged to have manufactured and sold eight ghost guns, including two assault weapons, over the course of three months.

According to ballistics evidence collected by the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN), one of the purchased firearms was connected to at least eight shootings carried out in Jersey City, New Jersey. The result of a long-term investigation spearheaded by the Richmond County District Attorney's Office, the NYPD, and HSI's JFK Task Force, Streich allegedly also sold fifteen rapid-fire modification devices or "switches", one unfinished frame, and two high-capacity magazines. Streich is alleged to have 3D printed and constructed all of the aforementioned firearms and switches himself.

Attempting to sell additional privately made firearms, Streich was arrested last Wednesday on Staten Island in connection with the aforementioned indictment. Upon the defendant's arrest, one loaded AR-style collapsible pistol and one unloaded Glock-type ghost gun pistol were recovered from Streich's vehicle. Subsequently, a search warrant was executed on Streich's Gravesend-based apartment where five high-capacity magazines, five unfinished frames, a flashbang grenade, one silencer, a large quantity of ammunition, and approximately eighteen firearm switches, tools, and components were recovered from the premises.

"While Staten Island witnessed record lows in shootings and acts of gun violence last year, the threat posed by ghost guns and DIY machine guns has never been more serious," **said District Attorney Michael E. McMahon**. "Untraceable and highly dangerous, the sole purpose of these weapons is to evade law enforcement and bypass gun safety laws and regulations. Alleged to have sold at least eight ghost guns in addition to over a dozen 'switches' capable of transforming handguns into functional machine guns, this defendant brazenly manufactured and trafficked countless deadly weapons for profit."

"Over the course of several months, this defendant turned his home into an illegal weapons factory – manufacturing illegal and deadly ghost guns," **said NYPD Commissioner Jessica S. Tisch**. "This criminal operation is now over, and the NYPD will never rest in our efforts to rid our city of these untraceable weapons that only exist to evade law enforcement. Thank you to the members of the NYPD who have driven gun violence down to historic lows and to District Attorney McMahon and HSI for their partnership on this case."

"Public safety is my top priority, and as Governor, I am committed to reducing gun violence and getting illegal guns off our streets," **Governor Hochul said**. "The growing threat of ghost guns demands action, which is why I have proposed commonsense measures to block the production of 3D-printed firearms, require all recoveries of these weapons to be reported to the state, and ensure pistols cannot be converted to automatic weapons. I am grateful to partners like District Attorney

McMahon and law enforcement officials who are cracking down on illegal guns and working with my administration to make New York safer for all."

"Streich is the alleged architect behind a ghost-gun manufacturing and assembling operation that created a supply line of untraceable firearms for anyone willing to pay. Dangerous shootings have already been linked to these weapons, and countless lives could have ended in tragedy if more of these guns had reached the streets of New York," **said HSI New York Acting Special Agent in Charge Michael Alfonso**. "Partnerships protect neighborhoods. Partnerships protect lives. Each illegal gun recovered is a trigger pull that never happens. HSI New York stands together with the NYPD, CBP, and our law enforcement partners to hold gun traffickers accountable and prevent illegal guns from being funneled into our communities."

"Today, thanks to the incredible investigatory efforts of my prosecutors and our partners in law enforcement, we are ensuring that one of New York City's most notorious ghost gun traffickers will be held accountable for his deceptive and criminal actions," **added District Attorney McMahon**. "I commend our partners in the NYPD and Homeland Security Investigations for their collaboration and partnership, and thank Narcotics-Investigations Bureau Chief Michele Molfetta, Assistant District Attorney Alexandria Paterno, and the men and women of my office's Firearm Anti-Violence Unit for their unwavering commitment to investigating and prosecuting those who seek to flood our borough with untraceable, illegal, and deadly firearms."

Following his arraignment on March 25th, bail was set against Streich in the amount of $1 million cash, $3 million partially secured surety bond, and $3 million insurance company bond. The full list of charges filed against the defendant can be found in the accompanying indictment.

An indictment is an accusatory instrument. All defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty

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