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Press Release

Drug Task Force Investigators Seize Illegal Firearms and Narcotics in Unrelated Busts

York, PA – District Attorney Dave Sunday announced the conclusion of two investigations, which resulted in the arrest of three York City residents and the seizure of illegal firearms and narcotics.

Last week, York County Drug Task Force Investigators concluded an investigation which identified Derren Williams as being involved in marijuana distribution in the City of York. Information was developed that Williams, who was on house arrest and wearing an ankle monitor, was also in possession of firearms at his residence on the 100 block of S. Albemarle St. Police arranged to purchase marijuana from Williams in front of his residence. On one occasion, Williams sent his girlfriend, Kirsten Flaherty out of the residence to conduct the sale.

On April 8, 2021, police officers served a search warrant at Williams' residence. Williams and Flaherty were both present at the time. Investigators located a 9mm "ghost gun" with high capacity magazines, a .22 long rifle with a high capacity drum barrel, body armor, \$10,740 in cash, a money counter and marijuana. Ghost guns are unregulated, untraceable firearms that don't have serial numbers, and therefore illegal to possess.

Williams was charged with four counts of marijuana distribution and criminal conspiracy. Flaherty was charged with one count of marijuana distribution and criminal conspiracy.

In a completely separate investigation, Victor Cruz, 44, was arrested by the York County Drug Task Force early yesterday morning. Investigators served a search warrant at 230 S. Penn St., in the City of York, where they seized 200 grams of cocaine, a pound of marijuana and two firearms.

As a result of that search, investigators charged Cruz, with two counts of Possession with the Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance as well as Persons Not to Possess Firearms.

The York County Drug Task Force was assisted by the York City Police Department, York County Sheriff's Office and the York County Quick Response Team.

Dave Sunday applauded the work of investigators saying, "Two weeks ago, we joined Commissioner Muldrow, Acting United States Attorney Bruce Brandler, members of law enforcement and concerned citizens to discuss the outcome of Operation Scarecrow, and reaffirm our commitment to making the York community a safer place to live, work and play. The arrests of Williams, Flaherty and Cruz demonstrate investigators unrelenting desire to purge illegal firearms and narcotics from our streets."

Criminal charges, and any discussion thereof, are merely allegations and all defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.