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ATTORNEY GENERAL RAOUL ANNOUNCES CHARGES STEMMING FROM ONGOING INVESTIGATION INTO DRUG, GUN ACTIVITY IN SUBURBS

Chicago – Attorney General Kwame Raoul today announced his office has charged a DuPage County man as part of an ongoing investigation involving illegal firearm and drug sales throughout several Chicagoland counties. Cordveel Davis, 24, from Glendale Heights, Illinois, appeared in bond court Thursday and is charged with three counts of unlawful use of a weapon by a felon, Class 2 felonies each punishable by between three and seven years in prison; and two counts of unlawful sale or delivery of a firearm, Class 3 felonies each punishable by between two and five years in prison. His next court date is schedule for Feb. 1, 2023.

Raoul previously charged seven other defendants as part of the joint investigation between his office and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Chicago Field Division (ATF), the Lake County Sheriff’s Office and the Aurora Police Department.

“Illegal gun and drug sales fuel gang activity and make our neighborhoods less safe,” Raoul said. “I will continue to partner with federal entities and local law enforcement agencies in an effort to work collaboratively with all levels of government to address gun trafficking and violence in our communities.”

According to Raoul, an ATF investigation uncovered known suburban gang members and their associates involved in illegally selling drugs and guns. The ATF worked with Raoul’s office and local law enforcement partners to identify and arrest the individuals involved.

Raoul has also charged the following:

- Steven Jordan, 47, from Aurora, Illinois, charged in Kane County Circuit Court with three counts of unlawful delivery of a controlled substance, Class 1 felonies each punishable by between four and 15 years in prison; four counts of unlawful use or possession of weapons by a felon, Class 2 felonies each punishable by three to seven years in prison; two counts of unlawful sale or delivery of a firearm, Class 3 felonies each punishable by two to five years in prison; and two counts of armed habitual criminal, Class X felonies each punishable by six to 30 years in prison. Jordan’s initial court date was Sept. 29, and his next scheduled court date is today.

- Derrick Jordan, 46, from Aurora, Illinois, charged in Kane County Circuit Court with two counts of unlawful use of weapons by a felon, Class 2 felonies each punishable by three to seven years in prison. Jordan's initial court date was Sept. 29, and his next court date is scheduled for Jan. 12, 2023.
- David Stewart, 39, from Aurora, Illinois, charged in Kane County Circuit Court with one count of unlawful delivery of a controlled substance, a Class X felony punishable by six to 30 years in prison. Stewart's initial court date was Sept. 29, and his next court date is scheduled for Jan. 5, 2023.
- Robert McBride, 43, from Aurora, Illinois, charged in Kendall County Circuit Court with two counts of unlawful delivery of a controlled substance, Class X felonies each punishable by six to 30 years in prison; two counts of armed habitual criminal, Class X felonies each punishable by six to 30 years in prison; two counts of unlawful use of a weapon by a felon, Class 2 felonies each punishable by three to seven years in prison; and two counts of unlawful delivery of firearms, Class 4 felonies each punishable by one to three years in prison. McBride's initial court date was Sept. 21, and his next court date is scheduled for Jan. 5, 2023.
- Clifford Carter, 34, from Bensenville, Illinois, charged in DuPage County Circuit Court with one count of unlawful delivery of a controlled substance, a Class X felony punishable by six to 30 years in prison; and one count of unlawful sale of an unserialized firearm, a Class 4 felony punishable by one to three years in prison. Carter's initial court date was Sept. 20, and his next court date is scheduled for Jan. 4, 2023.
- Huriel Hernandez, 24, from Bensenville, Illinois, charged in DuPage County Circuit Court with five counts of unlawful use of a weapon by a felon, Class 2 felonies each punishable by three to seven years in prison; three counts of unlawful sale or delivery of a firearm, Class 3 felonies each punishable by two to five years in prison; and one count of gunrunning, a Class 1 felony punishable by four to 15 years in prison. Hernandez' initial court date was Nov. 7, and his next court date is scheduled for Dec. 22.
- Emarrion Pittman, 20, from Montgomery, Illinois, charged in Kendall County Circuit Court with two counts of unlawful delivery of a controlled substance, Class X felonies each punishable by 6 to 30 years in prison. His initial court date was Dec. 7, and his next court date is scheduled for Dec. 20.

“Working closely with our state and local law enforcement partners to hold trigger pullers and firearms traffickers accountable is ATF’s mission,” said ATF Acting Special Agent in Charge of the Chicago Field Division Jeffrey L. Matthews. “We will continue to investigate these cases and appreciate the Illinois Attorney General’s office’s commitment to prosecute them.”

“The charges laid against these individuals represent a major accomplishment for all the agencies involved,” said Aurora Police Chief Keith Cross. “The Aurora Police Department values its partnerships with our local, county, state and federal agencies and will continue to work with them to keep our communities safe.”

“It is through close collaboration with our federal, state and local partners that we achieve successful operations such as this,” Lake County Sheriff John D. Idleburg said. “It is our priority in Lake County to seek and arrest drug traffickers, violent offenders and seize their dangerous

drugs and illegally possessed firearms. We have a zero-tolerance approach to violence and illegal drug sales. The Lake County Sheriff's Office will continue making these investigations a priority to keep the county safe."

The public is reminded that the defendants are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Deputy Bureau Chief Andrew Whitfield and Assistant Attorneys General Neal Thompson and Steven Knight are prosecuting the cases for Raoul's Statewide Grand Jury Bureau.

Raoul's Statewide Grand Jury Bureau is authorized by Illinois Statute to prosecute multi-county cases involving drugs, guns or electronics. Working regularly with state and federal counterparts, the bureau focuses on complex, often large-scale, organized criminal activity.