

## 114th Blotter...

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Thursday, June 15:

- A 23-year-old Asian man was found with marijuana in public view at 34-20 38th St. He was charged with criminal possession of marijuana.

- A victim alleged two white women, 18 and 31 years old, punched and scratched her at 23-44 Steinway St. The two perpetrators were charged with assault with intent to cause physical injury and harassment.

- At 40th Avenue and 21st Street a 17-year-old black male threw a silver object at a victim, striking him in the face. The perpetrator also resisted arrest. He was charged with reckless endangerment, obstructing governmental administration, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

- A 49-year-old white man was involved in an accident with a pedestrian at Broadway and 31st Street and was found to exhibit signs of intoxication. He was charged with DWI.

- Two white males 17 and 20 years old and three Hispanic males 16, 17 and 19 years old were found on 37th Street between 20th Road and 21st Avenue in possession of marijuana in public and with several bags on their persons. They were charged with criminal possession of marijuana and unlawful possession of marijuana.

- At 40-04 36th Ave. a 35-year-old Hispanic man punched a male victim in the face and a 48-year-old Hispanic man cut the victim with a razor. The two perpetrators were charged with assault with intent to cause physical injury and criminal possession of a weapon.

Friday, June 16:

- At a safety checkpoint for fireworks at 31st Street and Broadway, two Hispanic men 22 and 60 years old were found to be driving with suspended licenses. They were charged with aggravated unlicensed operator.

- A 45-year-old white man exhibited signs of intoxication while operating a vehicle when stopped at a safety checkpoint for fireworks at 32-44 31st St. He was charged with DWI.

- A 23-year-old black man was observed operating a vehicle with the license plate covered. When he was stopped at 35-31 33 Street, his license was found to be suspended. He was charged with motor vehicle violation and license plate violation.

- A male victim stated a 28-year-old Asian man punched him in the nose at 37th Avenue and 34th Street. The perpetrator was charged with assault with intent to cause physical injury and harassment.

- A 49-year-old black man was found in possession of burglar tools and two hypodermic needles containing drugs at 40th Avenue and Vernon Boulevard. He was charged with criminal use of drug paraphernalia, criminal possession of a controlled substance, possession of burglar tools and possession of a hypodermic instrument.

- A 45-year-old Hispanic man was observed at Steinway Street and 20th

Avenue operating a vehicle with an altered temporary license plate. He was charged with possession of a forged instrument,

- A 24-year-old Hispanic man was observed turning without signaling. When stopped at Northern Boulevard and Steinway Street, he was found to have a suspended license. He was charged with aggravated unlicensed operator and illegal signal.

- A 57-year-old Asian man was observed operating a vehicle without permission at 39th Street and Northern Boulevard. He was charged with unauthorized use of a vehicle.

- A 21-year-old Hispanic man was observed operating a vehicle without a rear left brake light. When he was stopped at 21st Avenue and 38th Street, he was found to have a suspended license. He was charged with aggravated unlicensed operator and unlicensed operator.

- A 25-year-old white man entered 25-54 41st St. with intent to commit a crime therein. He was charged with burglary, criminal possession of a controlled substance, criminal trespass, resisting arrest and harassment.

- A 29-year-old white man was observed at 33-01 30th Ave. placing merchandise in a cart and walking past all points of sale without paying. He was charged with criminal possession of stolen property and petit larceny.

- Two 28-year-old Hispanic men were found in possession of marijuana in public view at Shore and Ditmars Boulevards. They were charged with criminal possession of marijuana.

Sunday, June 18:

- A 35-year-old Asian man and two white men 28 and 33 years old were observed fighting in public at 31st Avenue

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firmed by federal law enforcement officials. Despite all the warnings, it was acknowledged that if any cyanide bombs had been set off, they could have caused many deaths.

The bomb plot and its impact on the anti-terror budget cuts are expected to come up again today when the mayor and Schumer testify before the House Homeland Security Committee in Washington on ways to assure that these funds go to the most threatened cities.

Committee Chairman Peter King, a Long Island Republican has sharply criticized the DHS and Chertoff for the sharp cut to New York City.

In other action arising out of the anti-terror funding cut, Congressman Joseph Crowley unveiled bipartisan legislation last week to reform a DHS grant program to avoid further funding reductions to high-threat areas like New York City.

Crowley (D-Queens/The Bronx), joined by Republican Congressman Vito Fossella of Staten Island, proposed requiring all Urban Areas Security Initiatives (UASI) grants to be distributed only on risk, which they defined as threat vulnerability and consequences. The proposal would eliminate all needs-based variables, they said.

and Steinway Street. The 33-year-old white man was found in possession of marijuana. They were charged with resisting arrest and disorderly conduct

- At 28-26 44th St. a 55-year-old white man slammed a victim into a door and punched her repeatedly in the head in front of her younger brother. The perpetrator was charged with assault with intent to cause physical injury, acting in a manner injurious to a child under 17 years of age and harassment.

- A 45-year-old Hispanic man was observed on Vernon Boulevard between 34th and 35th Avenues with an open container of beer. He could not produce identification and resisted arrest. He was charged with resisting arrest and violation of a local law.

- A 68-year-old black man was observed at 31st Street and 24th Avenue with an open container of beer and was found in possession of burglar tools. He was charged with possession of burglar tools and violation of a local law.

Monday, June 19:

- An 18-year-old black male was observed at 28-56 Steinway St. placing merchandise from shelves into his pants and walking past all points of sale. He was charged with assault with intent to cause physical injury, petit larceny and misapplication of property.

- At 35-06 Broadway a 17-year-old Asian male was in possession of a knife in his belt buckle in public. He was charged with criminal possession of a weapon.

- A 22-year-old Hispanic man was stopped at 36-16 Crescent St. and found to be operating a vehicle without a driver's license. He was charged with inadequate or no stop lamps.

The lawmakers cited as an example a locality currently eligible for funding if it can prove it needs a hazmat truck, even though it does not face the threat of a chemical, biological or radiological attack. Under their legislation, they said, that locality would not receive funding.

Crowley said, "New York, the city that was hit hardest on Sept. 11, 2001, with the worst terrorist attack on American soil, cannot afford to lose 40 percent of its anti-terror funds.

"When UASI was created, it was meant to ensure American cities with the greatest risk of a deadly threat would not be denied the resources necessary to handle such a calamity as we saw on 9/11. Sadly, politics has crept back into the process of how we defend our nation, and our citizens, from those who wish us grave harm.

"This bipartisan legislation would lay down the foundation by which security funds are fairly dispersed among our threatened cities and restore the resources and tools badly needed by our first responders to do their jobs and save lives."

The Crowley-Fossella bill would also expand the use of funding to include construction cost where they enhance security to vital facilities and overtime costs for localities with 100 or more personnel dedicated exclusively to counterterrorism and intelligence activities.

## Wireless Internet Access Is Free At All Queens Libraries

The 63 branches of the Queens Borough Public Library all now have free wireless Internet access. Customers are invited to bring in their own laptops and boot up. Once logged on to the library's network, they will have access to the same range of databases and Web sites as if they were on the library's own workstations.

Customers are required to have a Queens Library borrower's card (free at any branch or the central library's information/circulation desk) and a PIN. Laptops need a wireless network interface card, 802.11a, 802.11b or 802.11g or later and a charged battery. Headphones are required if audio files will be used. Customers using the wireless network do not have time limits.

More than 3 million users logged on to the library's computers last year. Wireless Internet is a huge convenience for customers who have their own laptops. It provides computer access to more people at the same time, and also helps relieve the demand for the library's public access computers. The Queens Borough Public Library first offered wireless Internet service in select libraries in November 2005. Access points have been installed in more than 50 libraries in the six months since.

The Queens Borough Public Library serves a population of 2.2 million in the most ethnically diverse county in the United States. With a record 18.9 million items in circulation for Fiscal Year 2005, the library has one of the highest circulations of any public library system in the world. For more information about programs, services, locations, events and news, visit [www.queenslibrary.org](http://www.queenslibrary.org) or phone 718-990-0700.

The legislation, they said, would also write the UASI program into law to set clear guidelines for its administration. Presently, UASI is not authorized under current law. It was created in appropriations legislation, they said, which gives DHS greater flexibility in how funds are distributed.

The bill also requires DHS to notify localities of errors in their applications and provide an opportunity for them to fix any problems, and it authorizes the president to modify final grants awards, if deemed inefficient, directly related to the DHS cut in New York City anti-terror funding. The agency's staffers told the Bloomberg administration and the New York City Police Department that our budget requests were not written clearly and were submitted late—but there was no time given to rectify these, if indeed, they were made, because the criticisms came after the DHS funding decisions were made and are final.

The final provision in the bill relating to the president is significant because, one would think, he would always have a say under the law to change one of his agency's decisions, but that is not so. That's why the mayor has said several times that there's no reason to complain to Bush about the DHS action.