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### **DA McMahon Calls on City to Expand Plan for ShotSpotter System to Fight Gun Violence on Staten Island**

*\*\*50% increase in planned ShotSpotter coverage area will enhance law enforcement's ability to detect gunfire and improve public safety\*\**

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. – Richmond County District Attorney Michael E. McMahon today announced that he has called on the the City of New York to expand the ShotSpotter system on Staten Island in order to enhance law enforcement's ability to combat gun violence and to improve public safety throughout the borough. With news that the ShotSpotter system will be coming to the 120<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct in the immediate future, D.A. McMahon has requested for a 50% increase in the coverage area. This increase will help to bolster the NYPD's ability to detect gunfire and respond to shootings in critical areas where gun violence persists on Staten Island, particularly in the 121<sup>st</sup> Precinct. D.A. McMahon formally advocated for this necessary increase in a letter sent to Mayor Bill de Blasio earlier this month.

“While I applaud the City for its commitment to bringing the ShotSpotter system to Staten Island, the current plan needs to be expanded to address safety concerns and violence in other areas that have historically been plagued with gun violence,” said District Attorney Michael E. McMahon. “With a 50% increase in the coverage area, we could ensure that all of the critical areas where gun violence persists are indeed covered. This requested expansion – combined with the Anti-Violence Initiative Grant, which was generously awarded to my office by the Mayor – will be another critical tool that will enable us to zealously prosecute gun cases in this City.”

Attached find the letter sent by D.A. McMahon to the Mayor requesting the expansion of ShotSpotter.

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