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Mayor Baraka and Director O'Hara Announce Upcoming Gun Amnesty Event

***Individuals Can Receive \$250 for Each Gun Turned in
'No Questions Asked' for up to 3 Firearms***

Newark Mayor Ras J. Baraka and Public Safety Director Brian A. O'Hara announce that Newark Police will host a gun amnesty program from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, August 7th at Prudential Center, 25 Lafayette Street in Newark.

“Giving people an opportunity to turn in firearms is a step in the right direction towards reducing gun violence,” Mayor Baraka said. “This program allows individuals to be immediately rewarded for relinquishing a weapon that could otherwise end up injuring someone or resulting in a worse outcome.”

“Less guns on the street equals less violence,” Director O'Hara said. “And individuals who want to turn in firearms can do so with complete amnesty through this program. There will be absolutely no questions asked. Our primary objective in inviting people to voluntarily turn in firearms is to keep our neighborhoods safe.”

The gun buy-back program, sponsored by New Jersey Acting Attorney General Andrew J. Bruck and Essex County Prosecutor Theodore N. Stephens, II, will reduce the number of arrests associated with weapon possession. So far, Newark Police have recovered a total of 445 illegal firearms this year that involved 357 arrests. Not a single arrest will be made through the gun buy-back program.

“We are hopeful that people see the benefit of earning \$250 per firearm for surrendering up to three firearms, which is potentially \$750 in one day,” Director O'Hara added. “Nothing good can come from holding on to an illegal gun. Minor quarrels can quickly turn into murders when guns are involved.”

NEWARK POLICE
GUN AMNESTY PROGRAM

Gun Buy Back!



CITY OF **NEWARK**
Mayor Ras J. Baraka



UP TO

\$250

PER WEAPON
3 WEAPON LIMIT PER PERSON



SATURDAY **August 7th** 10AM - 4PM

@ **PRUDENTIAL CENTER**

25 LAFAYETTE STREET, NEWARK, NJ