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Statement on the Roosevelt Island Shooting

Assembly Member Seawright issued the following statement in response to the shootings and the surrender of Farris Koroma:

"I am relieved everyone in the 76th District can rest more peacefully this evening now that the East River shooter has turned himself in. With gratitude to the NYPD, RIOC's Public Safety Department and the concerned citizens who assisted moving the investigation forward, we must continue to confront the danger of guns in our environment. I remain steadfast in my commitment to seeing that the Comprehensive Gun Reform Legislation that passed the Assembly can become the law of the State," said Seawright.

On two separate occasions, Thursday, August 16 and Saturday, August 18, several gunshots were fired at One East River Place, a 50-unit high rise building at 525 East 72nd Street in Manhattan from the Island in an area behind the Manhattan Park residential complex. No one was been hit or injured, but several apartment windows were shattered.

NYPD and Roosevelt Island PSD Chief Jack McManus announced early Friday morning that 22-year-old Roosevelt Island resident Farris Koroma surrendered to authorities at the 114th Precinct in Astoria. He admitted to being the suspect wanted in last week's random shootings. He was charged with reckless endangerment, possession of a weapon and criminal mischief.

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