Brooklyn gun thug is behind bars – finally

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A BROOKLYN man who has been caught twice with a gun – but hasn't gone to jail – finally found himself behind bars yesterday after the Daily News exposed his sweetheart deal.

Shabia Johnakin, 20, was ordered held in jail on $35,000 bail because cops say he couldn't keep his hands off a gun.

The high school dropout was involved in an East New York shootout with police in August 2008 but didn't fire his weapon because it jammed.

A buddy who fired at police was sentenced to eight years in prison.

Brooklyn Supreme Court Justice Abraham Gerges gave Johnakin a break by promising him probation if he pleaded guilty and completed an education and job program – and then let him go free.

Johnakin didn't use the opportunity wisely, The News reported yesterday.

Just a little over a year later, in September, he was arrested again after a cop saw him toss a gun in some bushes a block from his first arrest – and near a day care center.

He was out on $25,000 bail on that case when he returned yesterday to court – where prosecutors asked Gerges to revoke the deal and sentence Johnakin to 10 years in prison.

"He proved himself not to be deserving of the generosity you showed him," Assistant District Attorney Lewis Lieberman told Gerges. "I fear for what would happen if you give him his liberty."

Johnakin had been warned any arrest could violate the terms of the agreement on the 2008 charge, but the judge again gave him a break.

"I always look back and say, 'Did I make a mistake?' and I don't think I did," Gerges said yesterday. "I think the defendant made a mistake."

Gerges told defense attorney Robert DiDio that Johnakin could keep the deal if he is proved innocent on the latest charge.

If Johnakin is convicted, Gerges indicated, he would take back the deal and give him three years in prison on the first charge – plus whatever he gets in the second incident.

DiDio expected Johnakin to make the $35,000 bail.

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