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A man who allegedly led a violent Roxbury street pleaded guilty to federal drug charges and was sent to prison followed by five years of supervised release

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gang for more than a decade sentenced to serve 15 years in prison, authorities said.

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"Brown's use of young gang members was strategic as it allowed him to thwart law enforcement for over a decade," the statement continued. "Brown's perceived success gave him almost unbridled influence over younger gang members seeking his approval and sparked years of gun violence between rival gang members."

In 2007, Luis Gerena Jr., an innocent 13-year-old boy, was fatally shot during a feud between the Academy Homes gang and another based at the Bromley-Health housing development, which is located near where Jamaica Plain and Roxbury meet, according to past statements from the Suffolk County District Attorney's office.

In 1994, Jermaine Goffigan, an innocent 9-year-old boy, was killed when a gun battle broke out between two gangs at the Academy Homes development.

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Owens Brown, 34, ruled the Academy Homes gang housing development it is based in and has fought Roxbury and Jamaica Plain, according to the US .

In July, he pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute from March 2007 through May 2011, officials said

During that time, he allegedly distributed more than cocaine throughout the South End, Dorchester, ar

Brown received his prison sentence for the drug cl

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