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Criminal Activities

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Pursesnatching at Trader Joe's

A pickpocket made off with a woman's wallet at Trader Joe's on Court Street. The woman, 33, told cops that while she was inside the store, someone opened her purse and lifted the wallet, which had credit cards and \$60 in cash inside.

Can of beer causes arrest

It was the open can of beer that a Red Hook man was holding that first caught the cops' attention, but the gun tucked into his waistband was what really got him into trouble. Police say Rolando Vazquez was outside in the 300 block of Van Brunt Street about 8:50 p.m. when officers noticed he was holding a beer. When they saw the loaded 9 mm semi-automatic handgun he was wearing, Vazquez was arrested and charged with criminal possession of a handgun.

Shot in the stomach

A man was shot in the abdomen by an unknown attacker while standing in the lobby of a building at 241 Hoyt St. The victim, 39, told police he heard several shots fired outside at 1:30 a.m., then

looked down and saw he'd been hit. The man was taken to Lutheran Hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Cash register gone

Someone forced their way into Bocca Luop in the 300 block of Henry Street around midnight and made off with a cash register containing \$250.

Cash register broken

A nervous would-be burglar climbed into Sadie's Kitchen at 243 Degraw St., damaged the cash register, and fled when they discovered it was empty. Nothing was stolen from the restaurant.

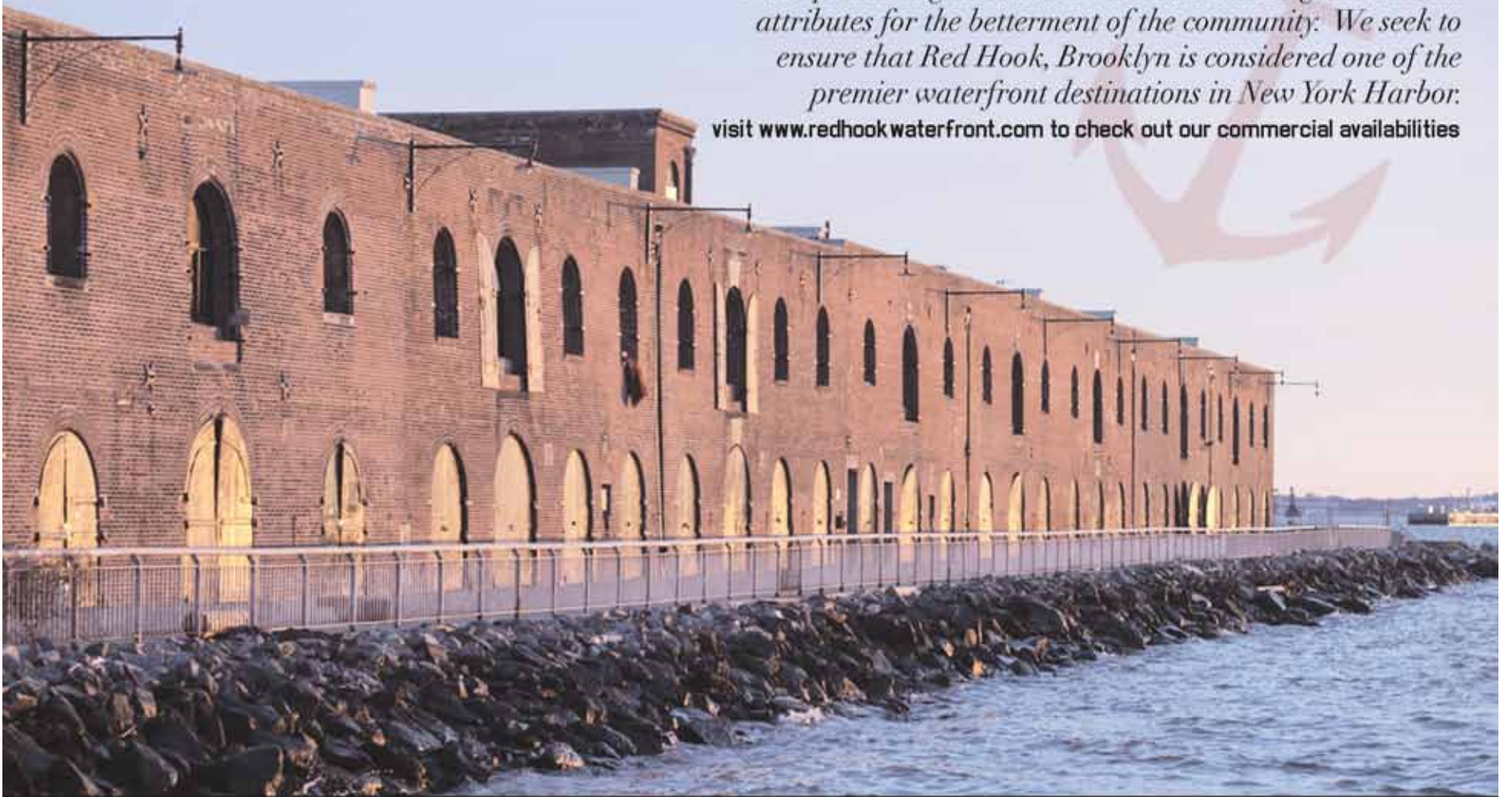
Bicycle highwayman

A teenager who was walking to his grandmother's home around 10:30 p.m. told police that another teen rode up to him on a bicycle in front of 85 Lorraine St., pulled out a gun, yelled "Remember me, what's up now" and fired several rounds before riding away. The 15-year-old gunman was arrested on Baltic Street and charged with intent to cause injury with a weapon and reckless endangerment with a weapon.

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