Cuomo, Legislators Push for Action on Gun Legislation

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Gov. Andrew Cuomo is negotiating a package of major gun control legislation with legislative leaders that could come to a vote in a special session before Christmas, reports The Buffalo News .

However, Cuomo officials are saying that negotiations are not moving quickly and it is more likely Cuomo will reveal the package in his January 9 State of the State Speech. The Daily News reports that the package could ban clips with more than 7 bullets and have tougher penalties for criminals who use guns in the commission of a crime.

Meanwhile, in what seems to be a seperate effort, represenatives from a group of over 50 legislators, gun control advocates and victims of gun violence will gather on the steps of City Hall at 2 p.m. today to push for a package of legislation to combat gun violence. Some of those expected to attend include Assemblywoman Michelle Schimmel, Assmeblyman Brian Kavanagh and Sen. Eric Adams.

Before the Friday massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut Senate Democrats were talking about how gun violence was an issue they were going to press and were unsure what kind of results they would get from the Senate Republicans and Independent Democrats who appear to control the chamber.

Now it seems Senate Democrats will get to test out their new role a bit early--by pushing more progressive legislation from the sidelines.

Photo of Gov. Andrew Cuomo provided by the Governor's Office.

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