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## A SHORT CAB RIDE, A LONG TIME IN PRISON

### *Luis Louis Found Guilty in Livery Cab Robbery Caught on Taxi-Cam*

(Bronx, NY – June 10, 2015) – Bronx District Attorney Robert Johnson announces the conviction of 23-year-old **LUIS LOUIS** for the January, 2013 robbery of a livery cab driver, the incident caught on taxi-cam.

After a five-day jury trial and two days of deliberation, LUIS LOUIS was convicted of Robbery in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, a Class-B Violent Felony.

LOUIS claimed he had just gotten off his overnight job at a drug store and had taken a subway to the Bronx, stopping in at his mother's apartment, and then hopped the cab to go to his girlfriend's. After negotiating a price of \$12 for the ride, the video shows LOUIS relaxing in the back seat. But it was anything but relaxing when the cab reached its destination at Cypress Avenue and East 137<sup>th</sup> Street in the Mott Haven section of the Bronx. There, LOUIS handed the driver a bill, but when cabbie BARTOLO TAVEREZ returned his change, that wasn't good enough.

LOUIS reached into his pocket and displayed what appeared to be a silver-barreled revolver and grabbed TAVEREZ's arm, demanding all the money he had – \$52. After all his funds were given up, the driver put his hands in the air in a gesture of surrender, at which time LUIS LOUIS fled.

LOUIS was arrested several weeks later after the taxicab video was released to the media and a tip was received by police, which led to his capture. The defendant faces up to 25 years when he is sentenced on June 25<sup>th</sup> by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Albert Lorenzo, Part T-33, Bronx Supreme Court Hall of Justice, 265 E. 161<sup>st</sup> Street.

The case against LUIS LOUIS was prosecuted by Assistant D.A. Daniel DeFilippi of Trial Bureau 30/40.

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