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## **HARLEM MAN INDICTED IN FATAL STABBING WITNESSED BY OFF-DUTY COURT OFFICERS WHO THEN APPREHENDED HIM**

**Heroic Action by Bronx Court Officers Brian Bishop and Rodolfo Hernandez  
Was Instrumental to Making Case**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a 40-year-old Manhattan man has been indicted for murder and manslaughter in a stabbing near Yankee Stadium.

District Attorney Clark said, "This was a senseless killing that took place on a busy street, in the shadow of the Stadium and the Bronx Courthouse. Fortunately, Court Officers Brian Bishop and Rodolfo Hernandez, though unarmed and off-duty, bravely took action. Were it not for them, the defendant might not have been brought to justice quickly."

District Attorney Clark said, "Having been a judge for years, I know first-hand the professionalism of the Court Officers. I want the public to know that they go above and beyond their duty in the courthouse."

The defendant, Jesus Flores, 40, of 301 West 154<sup>th</sup> Street, was arraigned today before Bronx Supreme Court Justice George Villegas in Supreme Court in the Bronx Hall of Justice on charges of second-degree murder and first-degree manslaughter in the death of Julio Orosco, 43. If convicted, Flores faces up to 25 years to life in prison.

District Attorney Clark said that, according to the investigation, on February 5, 2016, at about 7:19 p.m., Flores got into an argument with Orosco in a McDonald's restaurant at E. 161<sup>st</sup> Street and River Avenue, and the dispute spilled out onto the street as Officers Bishop and Hernandez were walking by.

The officers had worked a shift at the nearby Bronx Hall of Justice and were in street clothes and unarmed. They approached to assess the situation when Flores allegedly drew a knife from his jacket and stabbed Orosco multiple times, in his armpit and arm.



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The officers pursued Flores, who allegedly attempted to discard a kitchen knife in a bush. The officers took note of the knife's location, approached the defendant, and identified themselves. They subdued Flores, handcuffed him, and brought him back to the scene to the police. The knife was recovered.

Orosco died of his wounds at Lincoln Hospital.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys George Suminski and Timothy Collins of the Bronx District Attorney's Trials Division.

**An indictment is an accusatory instrument and is not proof of a defendant's guilt.**