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**BRONX DAYCARE OWNER SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS IN PRISON FOR
SEXUALLY ASSAULTING BOY AND CREATING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY
Pleaded Guilty to Forcing Child, Estimated to Be Ten Years Old, to Perform Sex Acts**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man who owned a Williamsbridge daycare has been sentenced to 20 years in prison on first-degree Criminal Sexual Act and other charges for sexually assaulting a boy in his care and taking photographs of the abuse.

District Attorney Clark said, “The defendant owned a daycare center and turned it into a house of horror for at least one little boy. He also possessed thousands of images of child pornography, some involving a victim less than a year old. He will now spend 20 years in prison for such monstrous behavior.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Silfredo Castillo Martinez, 34, of 3525 Decatur Avenue, was sentenced today to 20 years in prison on one count of first-degree Criminal Sexual Act, 3 to 6 years in prison on one count of Use of a Child in a Sexual Performance, 3 to 6 years in prison on one count of Promoting a Sexual Performance by a Child, 1 to 3 years in prison on one count of Possessing a Sexual Performance by a Child by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Laurence Busching. The sentences are to run concurrently. The sentence also includes post release supervision, Sex Offender Registration, and an Order of Protection. He pleaded guilty to those charges on May 28, 2024.

On March 22, 2024, the defendant pleaded guilty in Manhattan Federal Court to one count of Sexual Exploitation of a Child. He was sentenced on June 27, 2024, to 25 years in federal prison. The State sentences are to run concurrent to the Federal sentence.

According to the investigation, on May 3, 2022, authorities of the U.S. Secret Service and NYPD conducted a search inside Lina’s Garden Daycare at 3525 Decatur Avenue, which was owned by the defendant, and seized 30 devices. They discovered that Castillo Martinez downloaded 12 child pornography files in his Google Drive account. The files included images and videos of boys between the ages seven and 12, and one child as young as under one year old. The defendant was taken into custody that day.



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In reviewing the thousands of images of child pornography discovered in multiple devices which were seized in the defendant's apartment adjacent to the daycare via search warrant, investigators found a photo and video of a child that were taken inside the daycare, and the victim was identified as a boy who had attended the daycare. According to the investigation, the defendant sexually abused the child and forced him to perform sexual acts on him multiple times. The boy is estimated to have been about 10 years old.

The case was supervised by Mimi Mairs, Chief of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau under the overall supervision of Adrienne Giunta, Deputy Chief, Special Victims Division and Joseph Muroff, Chief of the Special Victims Division.

District Attorney Clark thanked Assistant District Attorney Rachael Baughman of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau, and Trial Preparation Assistant Elaina Clarke of the Child Abuse Sex Crimes Bureau for their assistance.

District Attorney Clark also thanked Special Agents of the U.S. Secret Service, the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force; Lieutenant Felix Rivera, Detective Ralfi Hernandez and Detective Anthony Rodriguez of the NYPD Computer Crimes Unit and Detective Ariel Florentino of the NYPD Special Victims Child Squad for their work in the investigation.