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BRONX MAN AND TEEN INDICTED FOR MURDER OF MAN DURING ROBBERY 15-Year-Old Boy Allegedly Shot the Victim

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man and a 15-year-old boy have been indicted for second-degree Murder and additional charges in a robbery that took a man's life.

District Attorney Clark said "The defendants allegedly robbed a man inside an apartment building, and during it he was shot, allegedly by the teenage boy. We cannot become inured to the tragedy of children committing gun violence in our community."

District Attorney Clark said Francisco Deleon, 25, of Westchester Avenue, and the 15-year-old defendant were indicted on two counts of second-degree Murder, first-degree Manslaughter, two counts of first-degree Robbery, two counts of second-degree Robbery, and two counts of second-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon. Deleon was arraigned on Thursday, November 14, 2024, before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Brenda Rivera and remanded. The teen defendant was arraigned by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Gayle Roberts in the Youth Part on November 7, 2024, and remanded. They are due back in court on February 6, 2025.

According to the investigation, on October 16, 2024, at approximately 8:30 p.m., inside of 671 Westchester Avenue, in the Woodstock section of the Bronx, the defendants acted in concert with each other and others in luring Ali Flores, 26, to the location where they robbed him of marijuana and cash and during the struggle involved in that robbery, the 15-year-old allegedly shot Flores once in the torso, causing his death. The assailants fled with victim's property to an apartment in the same building. Police arrested the defendants inside the apartment after they obtained a search warrant where they also found the victim's property. The incident was also captured on video.

The case is being prosecuted by Senior Homicide Counsel Morgan Dolan of the Homicide Bureau, under the supervision of Burim Namani, Deputy Chief of the Homicide Bureau, Christine Scaccia, Chief of the Homicide Bureau, and under the overall supervision of James Brennan, Deputy Division Chief of the Trial Division and Theresa Gottlieb, Division Chief of the Trial



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Division. District Attorney Clark thanked Major Case Assistant District Attorney Vittoria Fiorenza of the Homicide Bureau, Crime Victims Assistance Bureau Homicide Advocate Carina Diaz, and Video Unit Supervisor Joao D'Alessandro for their assistance in the case.

District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Detective Patrick Flatley of the Bronx Homicide Squad, Detective Stephen Barry of the 40th Precinct Detective Squad and members of the Police Service Area 7 Field Intelligence Office for their work in the investigation.

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