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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS IN PRISON FOR VICIOUS ATTACK ON  
12-YEAR-OLD GIRL IN HER BUILDING  
Surgical Mask and Baseball Hat Left by Defendant Led to DNA Match**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced to 20 years in prison for beating and choking a 12-year-old girl during a gunpoint robbery in her building.

District Attorney Clark said, “The defendant followed the girl home and brutally attacked her at the front door of her family’s apartment. Despite her injuries, she fought back. Hopefully this sentence will bring a measure of justice to this brave child.”

The defendant, Gabriel Narvaez, 46, formerly of East 164<sup>th</sup> Street, was sentenced today to 20 years in prison each on first-degree Robbery and first-degree Burglary and seven years in prison for second-degree Assault to run concurrently plus five years post-release supervision by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Jeanette Rodriguez-Morick. He was found guilty by a jury on November 12, 2024.

According to the facts brought out at trial, on March 9, 2020, at approximately 3:50 p.m. on East 139<sup>th</sup> Street in the Mott Haven section, the defendant was outside the victim’s building when she came home from school. He followed her in and pulled a gun, and then pistol-whipped, punched, kicked, and choked her. As she struggled with the defendant, he took her keys and cellphone. Neighbors interrupted the attack, and the defendant ran out the front door. He left behind a surgical mask and baseball hat he was wearing. A DNA profile was extracted from those objects which matched the defendant, and he was arrested on November 19, 2020. The victim was transported to the hospital with gashes to her head, bruises to her body, and internal bleeding. After she was treated and released, she required follow up treatment to include psychiatric counseling.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Homicide Counsel Antonio Castro and Assistant District



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Attorney Tara Guarino of Trial Bureau 30, 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 Chief of the Trial Division, and Theresa Gottlieb, Chief of the Trial Division.

District Attorney Clark thanked BXDA Senior Investigators John Might and Modesto Acevedo, Video Technician Stalin Crespo of the BXDA Video Unit, DNA Specialist Nana Lamouse-Welch of the Forensic Science Unit and Crime Victims Bureau Advocate Emelis Santana for their work on the case.