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BRONX MAN INDICTED FOR MURDERING MAN IN CHANCE ENCOUNTER
Defendant, A Parolee, Bludgeoned Man to Death with Cellphone

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been indicted for Murder and Manslaughter for the unprovoked fatal beating of a father of six children in his Bronx building.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant allegedly ferociously beat to death an innocent man he did not even know – an attack which was caught on camera and is nearly unbearable to watch. For this senseless killing, he now faces charges that could send him to prison for the rest of his life."

District Attorney Clark said that Junal Jordan, 40, of East 156th Street, was charged with second-degree Murder, first-degree Manslaughter and fourth-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon. Jordan was arraigned today before Bronx Supreme Court Justice William Mogulescu. He was remanded and is due back on June 1, 2017.

According to the investigation, on the evening of Feb. 2, 2017, Jordan was shadowboxing while waiting for an elevator at the Melrose building he was staying at when he encountered Bakary Darboe, 46, who resides in the building. Jordan was seen on surveillance video grabbing Darboe when Darboe was exiting the elevator, and repeatedly punching him, before putting him in a chokehold and striking him in the head with a cellphone. Darboe died at the scene.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Burim Namani of the Homicide Bureau under the supervision of Christine Scaccia, Chief of the Homicide Bureau, and the overall supervision of Nicole Keary, Deputy Chief of the Trial Division and Jeremy Shockett, Chief of the Trial Division.

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