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BRONX MAN INDICTED FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER FOR ATTACKING WOMAN DURING BURGLARY; VICTIM'S YOUNG SON STOPPED HIM

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been indicted for Attempted Murder and several others charges for attacking a 32- year-old mother-of-two after forcing his way into her apartment in a botched burglary.

District Attorney Clark said "The defendant viciously attacked a young woman in front of her two children, trying to smother her and proceeding to injure one of her children. Thanks to the heroic acts of a little boy, the defendant faces many years behind bars."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Brian Febus, 22, of Ryer Avenue, was arraigned today before Bronx Supreme Court Justice George Villegas and bail was continued at \$500,000. He is due back in court on Sept. 5, 2017. If convicted on the top charge he could face up to 25 years in prison.

Febus was indicted on second-degree Attempted Murder, two counts of first-degree Burglary, three counts of second-degree Burglary, third-degree Burglary, first-degree Attempted Assault, three counts of second-degree Assault, second-degree Attempted Assault, two counts of third-degree Assault, two counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child and Criminal Obstruction of Breathing or Blood Circulation.

According to the investigation, on April 25, 2017, Febus knocked on the door of Denise Soto's apartment in the Mount Hope section of the Bronx and asked to use the bathroom. After she refused, he forced his way in, striking her several times and trying to smother her face down on her mattress. Soto's 11-year-old son stabbed Febus twice. Despite his wounds, Febus continued to assault Soto and fled the apartment after a call was made to police by the boy, who also suffered injuries during the attack.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Sharon Adler of Trial Bureau 40

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under the supervision of Catherine Davis, Bureau Chief of Trial Bureau 40 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.

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