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**TWO BRONX MEN INDICTED FOR GANG ASSAULT FOR ATTACKING STREET
VENDOR, CAUSING LIFE-ALTERING INJURIES
Defendants Beat Victim As He Tried to Stop Them from Stealing**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that two Bronx men have been indicted for first-degree Gang Assault for pummeling a street vendor into a coma.

District Attorney Clark said "This unprovoked attack – in front of the victim's wife and children – was a sickening crime. Surveillance video of it shows a vicious beating of a man just trying to provide for his loved ones. The victim is now awake but he faces a difficult road to full physical recovery. We will continue to work for justice for him and his family."

District Attorney Clark said the defendants, Enrique Foote, 18, of E. 145 Street and Octavious Profit, 24, of Heath Avenue, were arraigned today before Bronx Supreme Court Justice George Villegas. Foote was continued held on \$150,000 and bail was set at \$500,000 for Profit. They are due back in court on September 12, 2017. If convicted on the top charge, they face up to 25 years in prison. Three other men have been arrested in the attack.

Both men were indicted on first- and second-degree Gang Assault, second- and third-degree Assault and Petit Larceny.

According to the investigation, on the evening of March 2, 2017, at the corner of 149 Street and Third Ave., Foote, Profit, and three other apprehended males repeatedly stuck Souleymane Porgo, 53, a street vendor who tried to stop them from stealing some of his merchandise. Profit and another individual continued to beat the victim after he lost consciousness and fell to the ground.

Porgo was hospitalized in critical condition with multiple facial fractures and required surgery for swelling and bleeding in his brain. He is undergoing rehabilitation.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Tom Ostendorp of Trial Bureau 60 under the supervision of Hannah Freilich, Chief of Trial Bureau 60 and the overall



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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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