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**BRONX MAN INDICTED FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER
IN STRAY BULLET SHOOTING OF 5-YEAR-OLD BOY
Victim, Celebrating His Birthday, Suffered Severe Brain Damage**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been indicted on charges of Attempted Murder and Assault for firing a bullet that struck a 5-year-old boy in the head, causing severe injuries, in a shooting that was meant to target other individuals.

District Attorney Clark said, "This case is even more sorrowful since the little boy was celebrating his fifth birthday. On a day that should have been joyful, he was caught in the crossfire of a violent rampage and will now carry memories of pain instead. Thankfully, he is out of the hospital and now in rehab but he has a long road to recovery ahead of him. It is now our job to secure some measure of justice for him and his family as the defendant faces many years behind bars."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Michael Quiles, 27, of Washington Ave., has been indicted on three counts of second-degree Attempted Murder, first-degree Assault, two counts of second-degree Assault, first-degree Reckless Endangerment and two counts of second-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon. He was arraigned today before Bronx Supreme Court Justice George Villegas and was remanded. He faces up to 25 years in prison if convicted on the top charge. He is due back on October 30, 2017.

According to the investigation, on June 5, 2017, in the area of 167th Street and Washington Ave., Quiles fired multiple shots during an argument with two men. One of his bullets struck Jaheem Hunter, who was hospitalized with severe brain damage.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney George Suminski 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. District Attorney Clark thanked Detectives Jose Valdez of the 42nd Precinct and Keith Walker of the Bronx Homicide Squad.

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