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**TWO BRONX MEN INDICTED ON ASSAULT AND OTHER CHARGES
FOR PELTING DELI CLERK WITH AVOCADOS**
Victim Suffered Broken Eye Socket And Blurred Vision For Days After Attack

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that two Bronx man have been indicted on Assault and other charges for throwing avocados at two deli clerks, inflicting serious injuries, including fracturing a victim's eye socket.

District Attorney Clark said, "Surveillance video of the vicious attack shows a senseless and immature act against two men who were simply trying to make a living. No one should be made to feel terrorized in their workplace."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Brad Gomez, 28, of Gerard Ave., has been indicted on second-degree Assault. He was arraigned today before Bronx Supreme Court Justice George Villegas. Gomez and co-defendant Jestyfer Henriquez, 25, of Walton Ave., have each been indicted on third-degree Assault, fourth-degree Criminal Mischief, and two counts of second-degree Menacing. Henriquez was arraigned on July 17, 2017. Both men are due back on October 30, 2017. Gomez faces a maximum of 7 years in prison and Henriquez faces a maximum of 1 year in jail if convicted of the top charge.

According to the investigation, on the early morning of May 29, 2017, inside Stadium Gourmet Deli on E. 161st St. and Walton Ave, Henriquez and Gomez were involved in a dispute over a food order. Gomez hurled several avocados at clerks Amr Alzabide and Essam Girgis, breaking Alzabide's eye socket and causing the victim's eye to be swollen shut for several days, later requiring surgery. Both defendants also damaged several shelves and merchandise. The defendants fled the establishment and were apprehended due to surveillance footage of the incident.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Russell Satin and Gene Taras of Trial Bureau 60 under the supervision of Cynthia Lindblom, Deputy Bureau Chief of Trial Bureau 60 and Hannah Freilich, Chief of Trial Bureau 60 and under the overall



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supervision of Nicole Keary, Deputy Chief of the Trial Division and Jeremy Shockett, Chief of the Trial Division.

District Attorney Clark thanked Detective Jorge Mergeche of the 44th Precinct as well the District Attorney's Crime Victims Assistance Unit for their hard work.

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