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**TWO BRONX WOMEN INDICTED ON ASSAULT CHARGES FOR BRUTALLY
BEATING SEVEN MONTHS PREGNANT WOMAN
Defendants Robbed Victim, Threatened To “Kill Your Baby”**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that two Bronx women have been indicted on various Assault and Robbery charges for repeatedly attacking a pregnant woman, causing her to have a seizure.

District Attorney Clark said, “The footage of this vicious attack against a pregnant woman is unbearable to watch. The defendants allegedly jeopardized two lives over a petty feud with a mutual friend.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendants, Serenity Dunham, 18, of East 181st Street, and Tiffany Nurse, 27, of Third Avenue, were indicted on two counts of Attempted Assault first-degree, Attempted Assault second-degree, two counts of second-degree Assault, third-degree Assault, two counts each of first and second-degree Robbery, third-degree Robbery and two counts of fourth-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon. Both defendants were arraigned today before Bronx Supreme Court Justice George Villegas. Bail was continued for Nurse and she is due back in court on June 1, 2018. If convicted of the top charge of first degree Robbery, she faces up to 25 years in prison.

Justice Villegas offered Serenity Dunham Youthful Offender Status, over the objections of the prosecutor. Dunham pleaded guilty to all charges at the arraignment and was entered into the CASES (Center for Alternative Sentencing and Employment Services) program. If she completes the one-year program, she will receive a conditional discharge.

According to the investigation, on February 1, 2018, in the stairwell of a building at 820 Saint Ann’s Avenue, the defendants allegedly struck Tylesha Mohammed, 18, in the face, causing her to fall to the ground. The defendants proceeded to repeatedly kick and punch the victim, striking her stomach and face. Nurse allegedly threatened “we’re going to kill your baby” before the defendants stole the teen’s phone. The victim, who was seven months



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pregnant at the time, suffered a seizure and sought medical treatment for various injuries, including swelling of the head and stomach and lacerations on her arms and lips.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michelle Villaverde of Trial Bureau 20 under the supervision of Meredith Holtzman, Chief of Trial Bureau 20 and the overall supervision of Nicole Keary, Deputy Chief of the Trial Division and Theresa Gottlieb, Chief of the Trial Division.

District Attorney Clark thanked Officer Jonathan Burke of the 40th Precinct Detective Squad for his hard work.

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