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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR KILLING 10-YEAR-OLD GIRL,
TWO ADULTS IN HALLOWEEN 2015 CAR CRASH
Defendant Failed To Take Medication; Seizure Caused Him To Hit Group That
Was Out Trick-or-Treating**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a 55-year-old Bronx man has been sentenced to four to 12 years in prison for killing three pedestrians with his car on Halloween in 2015, when he suffered a seizure while driving because he did not take his medication.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant's failure to take his medication ended the lives of three innocent people who were out on Halloween trick-or-treating. I hope today's sentence brings some justice to the families who lost their loved ones in such a tragic way."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Howard Unger, 55, of 120 Donizetti Place, was sentenced today to 4 to 12 years in prison by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Denis Boyle. The defendant was found guilty by a jury of three counts of second-degree Manslaughter and False Statements on September 7, 2018.

According to the investigation, on the afternoon of October 31, 2015, the defendant suffered an epileptic seizure while driving his 2011 Dodge Charger. The seizure was the result of the defendant's failure to take his medication as prescribed.

The vehicle jumped up on the curb on Morris Park Avenue and hit pedestrians. Louis Perez, 65, his 10-year-old granddaughter, Nyanna Aquil, and Kristjan Leka, 24, were killed.

According to evidence presented at trial, the defendant crashed his car in 2011 during a seizure, after failing to take his medication. His mother, a passenger in the car, was seriously injured.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Schordine, Supervisor in Trial Bureau 60, Assistant District Attorney Meghan Sipio, of Trial Bureau 60, under the supervision of Susanna Imbo, Chief of Trial Bureau 60, and Christine Scaccia, Chief of the



Homicide Bureau, and the overall supervision of James Brennan, Deputy Chief of the Trial Division, and Theresa Gottlieb, Chief of the Trial Division.

District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Detective Peter Jarvis of Highway District Collision Investigation Squad.

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