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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED IN BRUTAL GANG ATTACK  
THAT LEFT STREET VENDOR IN COMA  
Victim Beaten After He Tried To Stop Group From Stealing Merchandise**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced to three years in prison for participating in a brutal gang assault against a street vendor in May 2017.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant and five others viciously beat the victim in front of his wife and children in broad daylight on a busy Bronx street. The attack left the victim in a coma with life-altering injuries and, although more than a year has passed, the victim continues to attend rehab. I hope this sentence brings some justice for him and his family."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Enrique Foote, 19, of 2726 Cruger Avenue, was sentenced today by Bronx Supreme Court Justice April Newbauer to three years in prison and three years post-release supervision. The defendant pleaded guilty to second-degree Assault on September 6, 2018. Another defendant, William Burgess, was sentenced on June 8, 2018 to four years in prison for his role in the attack. Charges against the other four defendants are still pending.

According to the investigation, on May 2, 2017, at the corner of 149<sup>th</sup> Street and Third Avenue, the defendant and five other men repeatedly struck Souleymane Porgo, 53, a street vendor, after he tried to stop one of them from stealing some of his merchandise. The victim was beaten to the ground and left in critical condition with multiple facial fractures. Porgo required multiple surgeries for swelling and bleeding in his brain and continues rehabilitative treatment.

The case was prosecuted by former Assistant District Attorney Thomas Ostendorp of Trial Bureau 60 under the supervision of James Brennan, Deputy Chief of the Trial Division, and Theresa Gottlieb, Chief of the Trial Division. District Attorney Clark thanked Detective Richard Simplicio of the 40<sup>th</sup> Precinct Detective Squad.

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