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**BRONX MAN, HIS MOTHER INDICTED IN MURDER-FOR-HIRE PLOT**  
**Enlisted Undercover Cop to Kill Man to Keep Him from Testifying**  
**Against the Son, Who Had Allegedly Shot Him in Dispute**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man and his mother have been indicted for conspiring to kill a man to prevent him from testifying against the son, who allegedly had shot and wounded the man during a dispute.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendants allegedly enlisted an undercover detective who was posing as a hitman, to allegedly kill a victim who survived being shot five times. The defendants paid \$1,000 to the "hitman" as a down payment on the murder. These defendants allegedly tried to silence a victim and subvert our criminal justice system in the most heinous way."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Candido Lizarro, AKA Candido Lizarra, 26, of 1010 East 170<sup>th</sup> Street, was indicted on Attempted Murder in the second degree, first-degree Assault, two counts of second-degree Assault, third-degree Assault, first-degree Criminal Use of a Firearm, second-degree Criminal Use of a Firearm, second-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon, Criminal Possession of a Firearm, and fourth-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon. Both Lizarro and Annette Spann, 45, of 1010 East 170<sup>th</sup> Street, were indicted on three counts of second-degree Conspiracy and three counts of second-degree Criminal Solicitation. Spann was arraigned today before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Robert Neary and bail was set at \$150,000 bond or \$50,000 cash or \$150,000 bond partially secured at ten percent. Lizarro was arraigned on December 13, 2019 before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Robert Torres and remanded. They are due back in court on February 19, 2020.

According to the investigation, on September 2, 2019, Lizarro allegedly shot a man five times in the back in the lobby of a NYCHA building at 1010 East 178<sup>th</sup> Street because of a dispute. The victim survived his wounds.

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According to the investigation, Lizarro fled the state and began communicating with the undercover detective through texts, saying things such as, “I need this done man,” and that if it weren’t for the surviving victim “I wouldn’t be in the jam right now...”

On November 14, 2019, Lizarro made a video call to Spann and the undercover during which Spann can be seen counting out \$1,000 in 10 one-hundred-dollar bills. Spann also described specific places the intended target frequented.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jeffrey Kiok of the Criminal Enterprise Bureau, under the supervision of Assistant District Attorney Julia B. Gordon, Supervisor in the Criminal Enterprise Bureau, and Assistant District Attorney Denise Kodjo, Deputy Chief of the Criminal Enterprise Bureau, and under the overall supervision of Tarek Rahman, Deputy Chief of the Investigations Division, and Jean T. Walsh, Chief of the Investigations Division.

District Attorney Clark thanked Assistant District Attorney Vladimir Kocheulov, Chief of the Crime Strategies Unit and Jordan Jackson of the Crime Strategies Unit, Theresa Ramos, Intelligence Analyst in the Crime Strategies Unit, and Bronx DA Detective Investigators Chief Frank Chiara and Senior Investigator John Wall, for their assistance with the investigation.

District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Detective Ravi Narayan from Firearms Investigations Unit, Detective Victor Cardona and Police Officer John Uske from Brooklyn North Field Intelligence Unit, Detective Randy Kyrk from Bronx Warrants Squad and Detective Andrew Nash of the 48<sup>th</sup> Precinct Detective Squad.

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

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