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BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 5 TO 10 YEARS IN PRISON FOR STEALING VEHICLES IN MULTIPLE BRONX NEIGHBORHOODS Defendant Falsified DMV Records and Sold Cars to Scrap Yards

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a 42-year-old man has been sentenced to prison after pleading guilty to stealing three vehicles from various neighborhoods in the Bronx.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant committed these crimes within one week of completing a prison sentence for auto theft. These crimes affect residents who spend hard-earned money on their cars and need their vehicles to get to work or transport their families."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Reynaldo Nazario, 42, of 3405 Putnam Place, was sentenced today to 5 to 10 years in prison by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Steven Hornstein. Nazario pleaded guilty to three counts of third-degree Grand Larceny on March 8, 2019.

According to the investigation, between March 13, 2018 and May 22, 2018, Nazario allegedly stole 14 older-model Hondas and Civic vehicles from within the confines of the 46th, 52nd, 45th, 50th and 44th Precincts. The defendant falsely filled out MV-35 DMV forms-- which are intended for use by an owner selling a vehicle without a title-- and sold the cars to scrap yards. He collected \$3,500 after selling the vehicles for \$250 each.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Mary Rebecca Clancy of Trial Bureau 20 under the supervision of Meredith Holtzman, Chief of Trial Bureau 20, 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 her Detective Investigator Brendan Sullivan for his

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assistance in the investigation. District Attorney Clark also thanked retired NYPD Detective Manny Rossi and Detective Ricky Quinones of the Bronx Auto Crime Squad, and NYPD Police Officer Mark Preira of the 52nd Precinct.

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