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**MAN INDICTED FOR POSSESSING FORGED CHECK AND  
STEALING \$40,000 FROM ELDERLY BRONX WOMAN  
Defendant Used Forged JPMorgan Chase Check;  
Withdrew Funds From Several TD Bank Locations**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a man has been indicted for possessing a forged check and stealing \$40,000 from an 85-year-old Bronx woman's bank account.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant allegedly stole thousands of dollars from the victim by using a bogus check and possessing the victim's forged signature. The elderly victim had to go through a terrible ordeal after realizing she was missing \$40,000 from her bank account. We will prosecute anyone who preys on our vulnerable, elderly community members."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Daniel Brown, 29, of Saint John's Avenue, Hicksville, N.Y., was arraigned today on third and fourth-degree Grand Larceny, Petit Larceny, second-degree Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument, and first, second and third-degree Identity Theft, and third, fourth and fifth-degree Criminal Possession of Stolen Property before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Margaret Clancy. The defendant is due back on December 18, 2019.

According to the investigation, on February 8, 2018, the defendant stole \$40,000 from an 85-year-old woman who resides in the Bronx. The defendant allegedly stole the funds by using the victim's JPMorgan Chase account number, her name, address and supposed signature on a forged check. Brown deposited the check into his personal TD Bank account. Between February 9 and 11, 2018, the defendant went to a teller at five different bank locations and allegedly withdrew the funds. Brown also created an online checking account using the victim's information. The defendant was arrested on April 25, 2019.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Melanie Smith of the Economic Crimes Bureau under the supervision of Richard Kearney, Deputy Chief of the Economic Crimes Bureau, and William Zelenka, Chief of the Economic Crimes Bureau, and the overall

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supervision of Tarek Rahman, Deputy Chief of the Investigations Division, and Jean T. Walsh, Chief of the Investigations Division.

District Attorney Clark thanked Bronx DA Detective Investigator Louis Zanieri and Assistant District Attorney Jeannette Rucker, Chief of Support Staff Training and Professional Development, for their assistance.

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

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