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BRONX MAN INDICTED FOR FATALLY BEATING INTRUDER WITH METAL ROD **Defendant Chased and Beat Victim After Wife Saw Him in Backyard**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been indicted for first-degree Manslaughter for fatally beating a man who had intruded in his backyard.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant allegedly beat the intruder with a metal rod, leaving him with multiple injuries, including massive blunt force trauma to the head. The beating happened down the street from the defendant's home."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Troy George, 54, of 834 East 223rd Street, was arraigned today on first-degree Manslaughter before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Margaret Clancy. Bail was continued at \$100,000 cash/\$100,000 bond and the defendant is due back in court on February 10, 2020.

According to the investigation, at midnight on September 20, 2019, the defendant's wife spotted the victim, Harold Bates, 29, in her home's backyard, and told the defendant. He came out of the house and confronted Bates. The victim fled and the defendant ran after him down the street. He hit him 10 times in the head and about the body with a metal rod. Bates was pronounced dead at Montefiore Medical Center a few hours after the incident.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Eric Hirsch, Counsel in the Homicide Bureau, under the supervision of 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 Abraham Villavizar of the 47th Precinct and NYPD Detective Ernest Dorvil of the Bronx Homicide Task Force for their assistance in the investigation.

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