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**BRONX MAN INDICTED FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER IN
TWO AMBUSH SHOOTINGS AGAINST NYPD
Defendant Shot at Two Cops in Van, Opened Fire Inside Stationhouse;
Two Officers Wounded**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark and New York City Police Commissioner Dermot Shea today announced that a Bronx man has been indicted on Attempted Murder and additional charges for shooting at two NYPD Officers who were inside a marked van, and for opening fire inside the 41st Precinct stationhouse, targeting cops and a civilian.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant allegedly shot at two Officers on patrol in a van in the Longwood section, wounding one. The next day he walked into the 41st Precinct station where he allegedly shot at nine Police Officers and a civilian working there. A lieutenant was wounded. Fortunately, this mission to kill police officers failed. I commend the officers who used tremendous restraint, as well as those who conducted the investigation that led to this indictment. We will prosecute to the fullest extent anyone who would attack the very people who put their lives on the line to protect society."

NYPD Commissioner Shea said, "This man allegedly attempted not once but twice to assassinate police officers; the first time, uniformed officers helping to keep Bronx streets safe, the second time officers inside their stationhouse. We condemn these actions and support in every way possible the prosecution by District Attorney Darcel Clark. We are confident her office will assure that justice is done."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Robert Williams, 45, of 1135 Evergreen Avenue, was arraigned today on 11 counts of Attempted Murder in the first degree, 12 counts of Attempted Murder in the second degree, 11 counts of Attempted Aggravated Assault Upon a Police Officer or a Peace Officer, 12 counts of Attempted Assault in the first degree, two counts of second-degree Assault and four counts of second-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon before Bronx Supreme Court Justice George Villegas.

According to the investigation, at approximately 8:30 p.m. on February 8, 2020 at 906 Simpson Street, the defendant allegedly walked up to a marked NYPD van and briefly engaged



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in a conversation with Police Officers Paul Stroffolino and Brian Hanlon. Williams allegedly took out a gun and fired at the two cops, striking Officer Stroffolino. The Officers managed to drive off and the defendant fled the scene. Officer Stroffolino sustained injuries to his chin and neck and was taken to Lincoln Hospital where he was treated and released.

According to the investigation, at approximately 7:45 a.m. on February 9, 2020, the defendant entered the main area of the 41st Precinct and allegedly shot at five NYPD Police Officers, one Lieutenant and one Sergeant. One of the shots Williams fired struck Lieutenant Jose Gatreux in his right arm. Williams then entered a side room in the precinct and shot at a Sergeant, a Police Officer and a civilian employee who worked there. When the defendant ran out of bullets he began to walk towards the exit of the precinct. Police opened fire at Williams and the defendant threw himself to the ground and tossed the gun to cops. The defendant, who was not shot, was taken into custody at the scene. Lieutenant Gatreux was taken to Lincoln Hospital for treatment and was released.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Burim Namani, Counsel in the Homicide Bureau, and Assistant District Attorney Edward Uy of Trial Bureau 30, under the supervision of Christine Scaccia, Chief of the Homicide Bureau, and under the overall supervision of James Brennan, Deputy Chief of the Trial Division, and Theresa Gottlieb, Chief of the Trial Division.

District Attorney Clark thanked the 41st Precinct, specifically NYPD Detectives Gregory Casvikes and Lawrence Sanchez, for their assistance in the case. District Attorney Clark thanked the Bronx Homicide Squad, specifically Detectives Sean Butler and Keith Walker, for their assistance. District Attorney Clark also thanked all Bronx NYPD officers who responded to the scene.

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

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