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**BRONX DA DARCEL D. CLARK ANNOUNCES MOVE TO DISMISS
OVER 300 SUMMONSES FOR VIOLATING CURFEW IN JUNE 4 PROTEST**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that her Office will file a motion with the Supervising Judge of Bronx Criminal Court to dismiss more than 300 summonses issued for Disorderly Conduct and Administrative Code Violation of the Emergency Order of a curfew during a large protest in the Bronx on June 4, 2020 decrying the killing of George Floyd by Minneapolis police.

District Attorney Clark said, “I believe in and encourage our Bronx residents to raise their voices to protest social and racial injustice in a peaceful way. I said back in June that I would not prosecute protestors simply for violating the curfew. While my Office does not prosecute summonses, I will file a motion with the court to dismiss these summonses, which were issued June 4 in the Mott Haven section, in the interest of justice.

“The people who received these summonses are due back in court on them on October 2, 2020. As the COVID-19 virus is still very much with us, and the courts are trying to limit in-person appearances, I believe it serves no purpose to summon hundreds of people to the courthouse for low-level violations. These unprecedented times require prosecutors to be flexible as well as compassionate.”

District Attorney Clark added that her Office is moving forward with prosecutions of those charged with serious offenses such as burglary, looting and assault related to protesting, particularly on June 1, 2020 in the Fordham section.

The motion will be filed on Thursday, September 3, 2020.