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MANHATTAN WOMAN INDICTED FOR SHOVING COMMUTER ONTO BRONX SUBWAY TRACKS AS TRAIN APPROACHED Defendant is Charged with Attempted Murder

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Manhattan woman has been indicted on Attempted Murder and additional charges for pushing a woman onto the subway tracks as a train pulled into a station in Crotona Park East.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant allegedly went up to the victim, who was waiting for a train on her way to work, and deliberately pushed her onto the tracks as a train approached. Fortunately, the victim survived this horrific, random attack."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Luz Sanchez, 29, of 2026 Lexington Avenue, Manhattan, New York, was arraigned today on Attempted Murder in the second degree, Attempted Assault in the first degree and third-degree Assault before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Michael Gross. Bail was set at \$150,000 cash/\$150,000 insurance company bond/\$150,000 partially secured bond at 10 percent. The defendant is due back in court on June 9, 2021.

According to the investigation, at approximately 7:50 a.m. on February 9, 2021 on the platform of the 2/5 subway line at the Southern Boulevard and East 174th Street station, the defendant approached the victim, Rosa Elizabeth Galeas Florencio, 54, and pushed her with her body causing the victim to stumble backwards. The defendant then put both hands on the victim's shoulder area and pushed her, causing her to fall backwards and onto the tracks as a train pulled into the station. While the victim was on the tracks screaming for help, Sanchez walked to the edge of the subway platform, looked at the victim, and then walked away. A train on the opposite track alerted the oncoming train that the victim was on the tracks and the train braked before striking her. The victim was pulled up to safety by a Good Samaritan. Galeas Florencio was treated for injuries at Saint Barnabas Hospital and was later released.

The defendant fled to Georgia and was arrested on February 25, 2021 by the New York City Police Department Warrants Squad.

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The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Ketaki Chakrabarti of Trial Bureau 20, under the supervision of Jennifer Cruz, Deputy Chief of Trial Bureau 20, and Meredith Holtzman, Chief of Trial Bureau 20, 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 NYPD Bronx Robbery Squad and Detective Francis Flynn for their assistance in the investigation.

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