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BRONX MAN INDICTED FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER OF POLICE OFFICER IN SHOOTING INVOLVING TWO OFF-DUTY COPS

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been indicted for Attempted Murder in the first degree and additional charges for shooting at an off-duty NYPD Officer during an incident last month.

District Attorney Clark said, “Two off-duty officers happened upon an altercation involving the defendant, Rafael Rosado, his son, Michael Rosado, and others. Rafael Rosado then fired multiple times at one of the police officers. Thankfully, the officers were not injured. Unfortunately, this chain of events led to the fatal shooting of Michael Rosado by police. His death is being investigated by the New York State Attorney General’s Office.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Rafael Rosado, 44, of 1728 Garfield Street, was arraigned today on Attempted Murder in the first degree and second degree, Attempted Assault in the first degree, first-degree Criminal Use of a Firearm, second-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon, Criminal Possession of a Firearm, Menacing a Police Officer and second-degree Reckless Endangerment before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Ralph Fabrizio. Remand was continued and the defendant is due back in court on January 7, 2022.

According to the investigation, on August 29, 2021, at approximately 4:13 a.m., an altercation involving the defendant, Rafael Rosado, his son, Michael Rosado, and others took place in the vicinity of 180th Street and Valentine Avenue and shots were fired. Two off-duty police officers were nearby and responded to the location. During the incident, it is alleged that the defendant fired multiple times at one of the police officers.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Angel Chiohh, John Oxenreiter and Allison Green, all of the Public Integrity Bureau, under the supervision of Omer Wiczyc, Chief of the Public Integrity Bureau, under the overall supervision of Tarek Rahman, Deputy Chief of the Investigations Division, and Wanda Perez-Maldonado, Chief of the Investigations Division.



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District Attorney Clark thanked Trial Preparation Assistant Lamor Gordon of the Public Integrity Bureau, Video Technician Andrew Rio of BXDA's Video Unit, BXDA Lieutenant Vincent Cantarella, and BXDA Senior Detective Investigators John Reilly, Brian Santana, Stephen Polizzi and Nicholas Cavalcanti for their assistance in the investigation.

District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Force Investigations Division Detective Evan Johnson, Sergeant Richard Fiumano, Captain Derick Bentley, Detective Anthony Gavin, and NYPD Detective Reginald Smith and Police Officer Philip Iacovino of the Crime Scene Squad.

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

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