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## **BRONX MAN INDICTED FOR ATTEMPTED ARSON FOR DOUSING NYPD VAN WITH GASOLINE WHILE TWO OFFICERS WERE INSIDE**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been indicted on Attempted Arson and additional charges for pouring gasoline on a marked NYPD van while two officers sat inside.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant was allegedly with a large group of people confronting police during a violent protest in front of the 46<sup>th</sup> Precinct. He went on to allegedly pour gasoline on a NYPD van that had two uniformed Police Officers inside. The Officers luckily drove away to safety, but the defendant's actions could have seriously hurt someone."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Christopher Springs, 22, of 2039 Bathgate Avenue, was arraigned today on Attempted Arson in the second degree, Attempted Arson in the third and fifth degree, second-degree Reckless Endangerment, two counts of second-degree Obstructing Governmental Administration, second-degree Riot and Disorderly Conduct before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Efrain Alvarado. The defendant is due back in court on January 26, 2021.

According to the investigation, at approximately 8:58 P.M. on September 3, 2021, the defendant and other individuals were in front of the 46<sup>th</sup> Precinct, located on 2120 Ryer Avenue. Springs and the others allegedly pushed and pulled the barriers that were set up as a blockade to the precinct. At approximately 10:32 P.M., the defendant, who was carrying a gasoline can, allegedly walked up to a marked NYPD van that had its lights activated and two Police Officers sitting inside and poured gasoline on the van.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Rachel Taverna of Trial Bureau 40, under the supervision of Aaron Kaplan, Deputy Chief of Trial Bureau 40, and Catherine Davis, Chief of Trial Bureau 40, 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 Trial Preparation Assistants Khristen Kerr and Gretchen Ray, both of Trial Bureau 40. District Attorney Clark also thanked NYPD Detective Louis Ducceshi of the Arson & Explosion Squad, and Fire Marshall Joseph Hayes of the FDNY.

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

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