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BRONX MAN INDICTED FOR SHOOTING AND LEAVING VICTIM IN A COMA **Defendant Was on the Run for Months**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been indicted on Attempted Murder, Assault and additional charges for a shooting last November that left a man in a coma and with long-term medical complications.

District Attorney Clark said, “The defendant allegedly shot the victim in the thigh, striking his femoral artery. The victim was in a coma and miraculously survived. Although months have passed since the shooting, he remains hospitalized.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Edgardo Perez, 29, of 980 Prospect Avenue, was arraigned today on Attempted Murder in the second degree, first-degree Criminal Use of a Firearm, two counts of first-degree Assault, second-degree Criminal Use of a Firearm, Attempted Assault in the first degree, two counts of second-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon, two counts of second-degree Assault, first-degree Reckless Endangerment, Criminal Possession of a Firearm, third-degree Assault, second-degree Reckless Endangerment, fourth-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon and second-degree Menacing before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Michael Gross. Bail was set at \$150,000 cash/\$250,000 insurance Bond/\$400,000 partially secured bond at 10 percent. The defendant is due back in court on May 27, 2021.

According to the investigation, at approximately 6:00 p.m. on November 24, 2020 at 851 East 163rd Street, the victim, Erik Gomez, 31, accused the defendant of stealing and they engaged in a fight. The victim, who is acquainted with the defendant, allegedly punched him once and ran away. Perez allegedly pointed the gun at Gomez’ girlfriend, Yahaira Gonzalez, 42, then chased after Gomez and allegedly shot him in the upper right thigh, severing his femoral artery. Gomez lost a substantial amount of blood and slipped into a coma. He suffered liver and kidney failure and is still in the hospital.

The defendant, who escaped to Pennsylvania after the shooting, was arrested on January 8, 2021.



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The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney David Henig of Trial Bureau 40, under the supervision of 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 Assistant District Attorney Andrea Ingenito and Trial Preparation Assistant Ryan Trzaskoma, both of Trial Bureau 40, and NYPD Detective Frankie Soler of the 41st Precinct for their assistance in the investigation.

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

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