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## BRONX DA CLARK URGES OTHER POSSIBLE VICTIMS OF A MAN INDICTED ON PREDATORY SEXUAL ASSAULT OF A YOUNG BOY TO CONTACT AUTHORITIES

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark is asking that anyone who may have been victimized or may have information about other victims of alleged sexual abuse by a Bronx man who was recently indicted for sexually abusing a four-year-old boy to contact the police.

The defendant, Eric Montes, 48, of 2246 Webster Avenue, was indicted on Predatory Sexual Assault of a Child; first, second, and third-degree Criminal Sexual Act, first and second-degree Sexual Abuse, Sexual Misconduct, and Endangering the Welfare of a Child. He was arraigned before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Efrain Alvarado on September 28, 2021. The defendant was remanded. If convicted of the top charge, Montes faces a maximum sentence of life in prison.

According to the investigation, on October 1, 2020, the four-year-old victim and his mother, who did not know Montes, went to the defendant's apartment to visit his roommate, whom she met on social media. While the mother was in another room with Montes' roommate, the defendant allegedly brought the child into his bedroom in the middle of the night and sexually assaulted him. The child told his mother and another family member about the incident. Montes was arrested on July 27, 2021.

Since Montes' arrest, investigators have acquired information leading to the possibility there have been other child victims. Anyone who may have been a victim of this defendant or has information about victims is encouraged to call the NYPD Bronx Child Abuse Squad at (929) 265-3638.

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