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MAN INDICTED FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER FOR PLOWING CAR INTO PARKGOER WALKING DOG Victim Left with Multiple Fractures; Dog Was Also Injured

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a man has been indicted for Attempted Murder in the second-degree and other charges for critically injuring a woman in Claremont Park when he allegedly drove a stolen car onto a walkway and struck her as she walked her dog.

District Attorney Clark said "The defendant allegedly turned the 3,000-pound vehicle into a weapon that injured a 58-year-old woman and her dog while they were enjoying time at a local park. He put the lives of all parkgoers at risk when he allegedly recklessly drove into the park. After striking the victim he kept going, ultimately crashing the car into other vehicles. We are fortunate no one else was seriously hurt, and that police sprang into action apprehending the suspect."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Becan Floyd, 22, was arraigned today on Attempted Murder in the second degree, two counts of first-degree Assault, two counts of second-degree Assault, third-degree Criminal Possession of Stolen Property, Leaving the Scene of an Incident Without Reporting, and second-degree Reckless Endangerment before Bronx Supreme Court Justice George Villegas. Remand was continued and the defendant is due back in court on July 7, 2022.

According to the investigation, on March 12, 2022 at approximately 6:51 p.m. near the corner of Morris Avenue and Teller Avenue inside Claremont Park, the defendant allegedly drove a stolen rental car into Christina Emiliano and her dog Rocco, as the two were walking in the park on a grassy area. Patrolling officers observed the alleged attack and pursued Floyd. The officers pursued the defendant and arrested him after he crashed the stolen car into two vehicles.

The victim was taken to NYC Health + Hospitals Lincoln after suffering multiple fractures and was placed on a ventilator in critical condition until recently. Her dog Rocco had head lacerations and went missing. He was found and returned to his owners.



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The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jade Newby of Trial Bureau 40 under the supervision of Catherine Davis, Chief of Trial Bureau 40 and Jeffrey Kimelman, Chief of the Vehicular Crimes Unit, 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 Assistant Jamece Hill of the Vehicular Crimes Unit, and Trial Preparation Assistant Gretchen Ray of Trial Bureau 40.

District Attorney Clark also thanked NYPD Officer Kevin Wallace and Detective Enmanuel Rosario of NYPD Collision Investigation Squad who assisted with the investigation and prosecution of the case as well as Police Officers Vincent Fortino and Michael Espenberg of the 44th Precinct.

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

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