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**MAN INDICTED FOR ASSAULT AS A HATE CRIME AFTER ATTACKING
MAN WITH KNIFE AND YELLING HOMOPHOBIC SLURS
Victim Slashed on Wrist, Suffered Severed Nerve and Bone-Deep Cut on Subway Train**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Brooklyn man has been indicted on hate crime charges and Assault charges for allegedly critically injuring a man with a knife during a dispute over the victim and his boyfriend playing loud music on a train.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant allegedly yelled homophobic slurs at the victim, before and after slashing him with a knife. Thanks to the quick action of nearby police officers who applied a tourniquet to the victims' arm, he was saved. We will always protect those in our community who are subjected to hate-based violence and hold those accountable for such acts."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Jordan Runadiego, 52, of Brooklyn, was arraigned July 7, 2022, on four counts of first-degree Assault as a Hate Crime, four counts of second-degree Assault as a Hate crime, two counts of third-degree Assault as a Hate Crime, two counts of first-degree Assault, two counts of second-degree Assault, third-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon, third-degree assault, fourth-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon, second-degree Aggravated Harassment before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Judge George Villegas. The defendant was remanded. Today bail was set at \$250,000 cash/ \$250,000 bond and \$250,000 partially secured bond at 10% by Supreme Court Justice Naita Semaj-Williams. The defendant is due back in court September 29, 2022.

According to the investigation, on June 1, 2022, at approximately 1:00 a.m. inside a northbound No. 2 train at the Third Avenue and East 149th Street Subway station in the Bronx, the defendant told the victim and his boyfriend to turn down their music while screaming hateful remarks. He then allegedly took a knife and slashed the victim's wrist, severing a nerve and cutting him down to the bone. Runadiego then allegedly continued yelling homophobic slurs at the victim before leaving the scene of the attack.



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Responding officers applied a tourniquet while the victim went in and out of consciousness due to severe blood loss. The victim suffered nerve damage and has undergone multiple surgeries for his injuries.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Sahibneet Nanda of Trial Bureau 30 under the supervision of Jessica Goodwin, Deputy Chief of Trial Bureau 30, and Julie Deleon, Chief of Trial Bureau 30 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 also thanked Assistant District Attorney Brianna Pryce and Frank Chiara, Chief of BXDA Detective Investigators for their work on the case.

District Attorney Clark thanked Captain Gregory Mackie of Transit District 12, and Detective Redmond Halpern of the NYPD Hate Crime Task Force.

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