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## **MAN INDICTED FOR ATTACKING TRANSIT WORKER IN BRONX STATION**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Manhattan man has been indicted for second-degree Assault and additional charges for attacking an NYC Transit Authority employee in the Pelham Bay Park train station, slamming him to the ground causing broken bones.

District Attorney Clark said, “This employee was doing his job of cleaning and checking on conditions at the Pelham Bay Park train station, when he went to observe a man whom he was told was harassing people. The defendant approached the employee and assaulted him, causing serious injuries. This was unconscionable. Anyone who assaults a transit worker will be held accountable.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Alexander Wright, 49, last of 600 East 125<sup>th</sup> Street, Manhattan, was arraigned today on two counts of second-degree Assault and third-degree Assault before Bronx Supreme Court Justice George Villegas. Bail status was continued. The defendant is due back in court on November 3, 2022.

According to the investigation, at approximately 8:40 a.m. on August 11, 2022, the victim, Anthony Nelson, a NYC Transit Authority Station Cleaner, went to check a report of a man harassing people on the lower level of the Pelham Bay Park train station. The defendant allegedly approached Nelson, punching him in the face, then allegedly grabbed him and slammed him to the ground. The victim suffered a dislocated nose, broken collarbone, and other injuries, and required two surgeries to fix the collar bone.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Dal Lago of Trial Bureau 50, under the supervision of Lawrence Piergrossi, Chief of Trial Bureau 50, 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 Assistant Mercedes Agramonte of Trial Bureau 50 for her assistance on the case. District Attorney Clark also thanked NYPD Officer Jose Hernandez of Transit District 12, and Kevin McCaffrey, Assistant Deputy, General Counsel, MTA Law Department.

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