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MANHATTAN MAN INDICTED FOR EXECUTION-STYLE MURDER OF TWO PEOPLE; VICTIMS WERE SHOT AND LEFT IN BURNING CAR

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Manhattan man has been indicted for Kidnapping, Murder and other charges for shooting two people in a car and setting it on fire, incinerating them.

District Attorney Clark said, "The deaths of these two young people allegedly culminated a chain of violent events in Manhattan and Queens. A defendant has been brought to justice and we will hold accountable any others involved in this horrific crime. I hope this indictment brings some solace to the victims' parents; they suffer the loss of their children who were burned beyond recognition."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Jahmel Sanders, 30, of 105 Baruch Drive, Manhattan, is charged with five counts of first-degree Murder, six counts of second-degree Murder, two counts of first-degree Manslaughter, two counts of first-degree Arson, two counts of second-degree Arson, two counts of third-degree Arson, two counts of first-degree Kidnapping, two counts of second-degree Kidnapping, two counts of first-degree Criminal Use of a Firearm, three counts of second-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon, two counts of first-degree Robbery, third-degree Grand Larceny and fourth-degree Grand Larceny. Sanders was arraigned today before Bronx Supreme Court Justice George Villegas. The defendant was remanded and is due back in court on June 21, 2023.

According to the investigation, on May 16, 2022, the defendant, and others allegedly kidnapped Nikki Huang, 22, and Jesse Parrilla, 22, transported them to Shore Road near Pelham Bay Park, and shot them execution-style. They allegedly set fire to the car with the victims inside of it. Huang suffered bullet wounds to her head and neck. Parrilla suffered bullet wounds to his head and chest. Their bodies were burned almost to ash.

According to the investigation, on May 15, 2022, at 9:30 p.m., Huang told friends who are alleged gang members that she was robbed of a purse in Manhattan, and two hours later, a man was fatally shot in Manhattan.



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At approximately 1:20 a.m. on May 16, 2022, Parrilla drove his mother's Honda Accord and dropped Huang off near her home on the Lower East Side of Manhattan. Defendant's accomplices allegedly approached Parrilla, moved him to another vehicle and took the Accord. Approximately 20 minutes later Huang was lured to come outside her building and was taken using the same Honda Accord. Shortly after, the defendant along with others were involved in a shooting in Queens with the victims present. Then they travelled to the Bronx. At approximately 4:16 a.m. Parrilla's mother's Accord was discovered in flames near 870 Shore Road.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Burim Namani, Senior Counsel in the Homicide Bureau, under the supervision of Christine Scaccia, Chief of the Homicide Bureau, 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 NYPD Detectives Sheldon Smith of Bronx Homicide, Pedro Gomez of the Violent Felony Squad, and John Soto of the 45th Precinct for their work on the case.

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

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