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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS IN PRISON FOR SEXUALLY ABUSING  
GIRL AT DAYCARE CENTER FOR FIVE YEARS,  
STARTING WHEN SHE WAS FIVE YEARS OLD**  
**Jury Convicted Defendant of Course of Sexual Assault Against a Child**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced to 15 years in prison and 10 years post-release supervision for sexually assaulting a girl from the age of five until she was 11 years old.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant's heinous acts caused irreversible harm to a little girl who will now suffer for a lifetime. The defendant used his wife's home daycare business to gain access to the child. No one should ever have to endure such violence and my Office will make sure that anyone who commits such harm against a child will face many years in prison."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Alberto Hernandez, 64, of 2834 Heath Avenue, was sentenced Friday by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Steven Hornstein to 15 years in prison and 10 years post release supervision. He will also be required to register as a sex offender. He was found guilty after a six-week jury trial of first-degree Course of Sexual Assault Against a Child and Endangering the Welfare of a Child.

According to the investigation, between June 1, 2011, and June 30, 2016, Hernandez, whose wife ran the since-closed "Maria's Daycare" out of their home, abused the now 18-year-old girl, in different areas of the home. The victim had been enrolled in the daycare at nine months old, and her demeanor began changing when she was 5 years old. She reported the abuse approximately three years after attending the daycare, after suffering years of anguish and damage to her mental health.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Victoria Nunez and Assistant District Attorney Nitin Aradhya of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau, under the supervision of Johanna Hernandez, Deputy Chief of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau, Mimi Mairs, Chief of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau, and under the overall supervision of Adrienne Giunta, Deputy Chief of Special Victims Division and Joseph Muroff, Chief of Special Victims Division.



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District Attorney Clark thanked Trial Preparation Assistants Elaina Clarke, Jacquelin Rodriguez Dominguez and Senior Sexual Assault Advocate Jeannette Gambaro of the Crime Victims Assistance Bureau, and BXDA Detective Investigators John Watts and Ubong Edet for their work on the case.

District Attorney Clark thanked Detective Crystal Soto of the NYPD Bronx Special Victims Squad for her work on the investigation.

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