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TWO MEN INDICTED FOR ATTACKING NYPD TRANSIT LIEUTENANT Defendants Allegedly Beat Officer Who Asked Them To Leave Train Station After Fight

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that two Westchester men were indicted on First-Degree Assault and additional charges for punching and kicking an NYPD Transit Lieutenant in a Bronx subway station.

District Attorney Clark said, "New Yorkers must be able to use public transportation in safety. The defendants not only allegedly jeopardized the safety of straphangers going about their commute, they also allegedly brutally attacked an officer who was trying to defuse a dangerous situation, which is his job."

District Attorney Clark said Brian Innocent, 24 of New Rochelle and Marquise Webb, 24, of Yonkers, were arraigned today on first-degree Assault, Assault on a Police Officer, two counts of second-degree Assault, second-degree Gang Assault, third-degree Assault, second-degree Obstructing Governmental Administration, Resisting Arrest, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Kim Parker. Bail was set at \$5,000 cash and \$20,000 bond. The defendants are due back in court on February 27, 2024.

According to the investigation, on November 11, 2023, at approximately 8:55 p.m. Lieutenant Gypsy Pichardo of Transit District 3 responded to a fight on a northbound No. 1 train at the 238th Street station. When Pichardo asked the defendants to leave the station, they refused and tried to enter another train car. When he attempted to arrest the defendants, he was allegedly punched and stomped on by them. The defendants were later apprehended by police officers of the 50th Precinct at the 225th Street station. The victim received eight stitches around his eye and suffered impaired sight as well as swelling and bruising to his face. He has difficulty with balance when walking.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Nilani Ekanayake of Trial Bureau 30, under the supervision of Justin Daly, Supervisor of Trial Bureau 30, Jessica Goodwin, Deputy Chief of Trial Bureau 30, Julie Deleon, Chief of Trial Bureau 30, and under the overall supervision of James Brennan, Deputy Chief of Trial Division and Theresa Gottlieb, Chief of Trial Division.



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District Attorney Clark thanked Trial Preparation Assistant Jasmine Rosas of Trial Bureau 30 for her assistance in the case.

District Attorney Clark thanked Captain Robert Rios of Transit District 3, and NYPD Police Officer Kyle Martin of the 50 Precinct for their work.

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

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