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BRONX MAN INDICTED FOR SHOOTING 2-YEAR-OLD ON FORDHAM ROAD Defendant Fired 5 Shots Across Bustling Street in Broad Daylight

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man was indicted for Attempted Murder in the second degree and additional charges for firing a gun multiple times at an intended target, instead striking a 2-year-old boy in the back as he walked with his mother.

District Attorney Clark said, "Fordham Road is arguably the busiest shopping district in the Bronx. The defendant allegedly fired a gun amid shoppers and pedestrians, on Saturday afternoon before Easter, showing a complete lack of concern for the lives of others. A bullet struck a little boy the day before his third birthday. Fortunately, the child survived this traumatic incident."

District Attorney Clark said Freddy Flores, 20, last of 2386 Walton Avenue, has been indicted on Attempted Murder in the second degree, Attempted Assault in the first degree, second-degree Assault, Attempted Assault in the second degree, first-degree Criminal Use of a Firearm, second-degree Criminal Use of a Firearm, two counts of second-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon, Criminal Possession of a Firearm, first-degree Reckless Endangerment, and second-degree Reckless Endangerment. He was arraigned today before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Brenda Rivera. Bail was set at \$50,00 cash, \$150,000 bond, and \$150,000 partially secured bond at 10%. The defendant is due back in court on July 17, 2024.

According to the investigation, on Saturday, March 30, 2024, at approximately 1:42 p.m., the defendant allegedly shot at an individual on Fordham Road. Flores allegedly fired his gun approximately five times, in the midst of a street and sidewalks crowded with pedestrians and vehicular traffic. One of the bullets struck a 2-year-old boy on his lower back as he was walking on the opposite sidewalk with his mother. He was treated at New York Health + Hospitals Jacobi for his injuries.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Christian Commelin of Trial Bureau 50, under the supervision Anthony Defreitas, Deputy Chief of Trial Bureau 50, and



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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 and Crime Victims Advocate Eric Sawyers of the Crime Victim's Assistance Bureau for their assistance in the case.

District Attorney Clark also thanked NYPD Detective Ryan Lawrence of the 52 Precinct Detective Squad for his work on the case.

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