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## PAROLEE INDICTED FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER FOR REPEATEDLY STABBING 75-YEAR-OLD WOMAN ON EASTER SUNDAY

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a parolee has been indicted for Attempted Murder in the second degree and additional charges for stabbing an elderly woman dozens of times, puncturing her lung.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant allegedly followed a 75-year-old woman into her building, and in the elevator he allegedly slashed her relentlessly in her head and body. The victim was seriously injured but she showed tremendous strength, and thankfully survived this random and utterly atrocious attack."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Edwin Rios, 38, last of 1430 Waters Place, was indicted on Attempted Murder in the second degree, two counts of first-degree Assault, three counts of second-degree Assault, third-degree Assault, fourth-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon, and second-degree Harassment. He was arraigned today before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Brenda Rivera and remand was continued. He is due back in court on July 18, 2024.

According to the investigation, on Sunday, March 31, 2024, at approximately 11:23 a.m. the defendant followed Zenona Ramos, 75, into her building on Morris Avenue and then onto an elevator. Surveillance video captured the defendant suddenly stabbing the victim with what appears to be a knife, approximately 40 to 50 times about the head, face and body. The victim underwent a blood transfusion, suffered a punctured lung and required 40 stitches to her hands.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Gabrielle Treiling of Trial Bureau 40, under the supervision of Michelle Villaverde, Deputy Chief of Trial Bureau 40 and Aaron Kaplan, Chief of Trial Bureau 40, and the overall supervision of James Brennan, Deputy Chief of Trial Division and Theresa Gottlieb, Chief of the Trial Division.

District Attorney Clark thanked Assistant District Attorney Tara Guarino and Trial Preparation Assistant Gregory Gadsden of Trial Bureau 40 for their assistance, and NYPD Detective Jonathan Arteaga of the 46<sup>th</sup> Precinct Squad for his work in the investigation.

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