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TWO PEOPLE INDICTED FOR ATTACK ON MTA BUS IN WHICH A MAN WAS STABBED IN THE HEAD, PUNCTURING HIS BRAIN

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that two people were indicted for an attack on an MTA bus resulting in one man getting stabbed in the head and another punched in the face.

District Attorney Clark said, "A man was stabbed in the head, and another was punched in a frightening attack on a bus, all allegedly stemming from a dispute over an apartment building door not being held open. This type of escalation is unacceptable. Now a victim faces possible lifelong injuries."

District Attorney Clark said Dayshawn Bannister, 29, of the Bronx was indicted on Attempted Murder in the second degree, first-degree Assault, first-degree Gang Assault, two counts of second-degree Gang Assault, second degree Assault, and fourth-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon. Bannister was arraigned on May 16, 2024, before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Brenda Rivera. Destiny Bryant, 24, was indicted on two counts of second-degree Gang Assault. She was arraigned on April 17, 2024, before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Brenda Rivera. They are due back in court on August 5, 2024.

According to the investigation, on February 15, 2024, at approximately 8:25 a.m., Bryant allegedly got into a dispute with Cheddie Defrietis, 38, over an apartment door not being held open at 869 East 147th Street. Shortly after, Bryant allegedly followed Defrietis to a bus stop and called her boyfriend, who in turn called his brother, Dayshawn Bannister. Bannister allegedly got on the bus and ordered passengers to get off. He allegedly punched Defrietis in the face, injuring him. He turned to another passenger, Peter Crosby, 35, and allegedly asked if he knew Defrietis before stabbing him in the head. The knife was removed in surgery. Crosby suffered a puncture in his brain and is undergoing neurological testing.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Alessandra Ambrosi and Senior Investigative Assistant District Attorney Kevin Griffin of the Special Investigations Bureau, under the supervision of Craig Cecchini, Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau, and under



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the overall supervision of Denise Kodjo, Deputy Chief of the Investigations Division, and Wanda Perez-Maldonado, Chief of Investigations Division.

District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Detective Brian Destefano of the 40th Precinct Squad for his work in the investigation.

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