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BRONX MAN INDICTED FOR VICIOUS SLASHING OF TEEN GIRL IN SUBWAY **Defendant, 18, Was Allegedly Retaliating for Social Media Insult**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been indicted for first-degree Assault and additional charges for slashing a 17-year-old girl across the face, allegedly in retaliation for comments she made about his brother on social media.

District Attorney Clark said “This vicious assault is another example of someone allegedly settling a petty dispute on social media through violence. This is completely unacceptable, and this defendant will be held accountable.”

District Attorney Clark said Antonio Romero, 18, was indicted on first-degree Assault, second-degree Assault, third-degree Assault, fourth-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon and second-degree Menacing. He was arraigned before Supreme Court Justice Kim Parker Romero is due back in court on April 25, 2025.

According to the investigation, on December 17, 2024, at approximately 4:33 p.m., the defendant entered the subway station at East 149th Street and Grand Concourse and saw the victim and two of her friends. The defendant approached them with a knife in his hand and cut the victim from her left cheekbone to the corner of her mouth. The victim was taken to a hospital and required multiple layers of stitches for the laceration. The incident was captured on video cameras. The defendant told police that he slashed the girl because he believed she insulted his brother on social media.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Molly Martin of Trial Bureau 30, under the supervision of 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 the Trial Division, and Theresa Gottlieb, Chief of the Trial Division.

District Attorney Clark thanked Trial Preparation Supervisor Jhasmine Figueroa of Trial Bureau 30, Nicholas Karasoulis of the General Crimes Bureau, Video Unit Director Joao D’Alessandro, and Receptionist Henry Valentin of Trial Bureau 30 for their assistance with the case.



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District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Detective Alex Tegan of the Bronx Transit Robbery Squad, and Sergeant William Batz, Detective Dennis Polanco and NYPD Officer Richard Acevedo of the Transit District 11 Field Intelligence Team.

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