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BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 9 YEARS IN PRISON FOR ATTACK ON MTA BUS Defendant Stabbed Victim in the Head

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man was sentenced to nine years in prison for Attempted Murder in the second degree for stabbing a man in the head.

District Attorney Clark said, “The defendant got onto a bus and attacked a man by stabbing him in the head. A trivial argument about holding open a door had far-reaching and devastating effects.”

District Attorney Clark said Dayshawn Bannister, 29, of the Bronx was sentenced today to nine years in prison and five years post release supervision by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Cynthia Isales. The defendant pleaded guilty to Attempted Murder in the second degree, first-degree Assault, and second-degree Gang Assault on February 6, 2025. He was sentenced to nine years in prison for each charge which will run concurrently. His co-defendant, Destiny Bryant pleaded guilty to third-degree Assault on March 20, 2025, and was sentenced to a conditional discharge, to include a period of community service.

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

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Alessandra Ambrosi, Supervisor of the Special Investigations Bureau, and former 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 the overall supervision of Denise Kodjo, Deputy Chief of the Investigations Division, and Wanda Perez-Maldonado, Chief of



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