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## FOUR TEENS INDICTED FOR BRUTAL BEATING AND FATAL STABBING OF 14-YEAR-OLD ANGEL MENDOZA IN PARK Murder Recorded on a Cell Phone

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that four Bronx teens were indicted on second-degree Murder and related charges in connection to the fatal stabbing of a 14year-old boy at a Bronx playground.

District Attorney Clark said, "These defendants, two of whom are boys, allegedly beat, pistol whipped and stabbed the victim, turning a playground into a killing field. The senseless murder of Angel Mendoza has devastated his family and friends and shocked the entire community. We will hold accountable those who ended this boy's life. We will get justice for Angel and endeavor to bring some semblance of peace to his loved ones."

District Attorney Clark said the defendants, Andrew Ansah, 18, of W. Moshulu Parkway, and Jordan Williams, 18, of Reservoir Oval, were arraigned today on second-degree Murder, first-degree Manslaughter, first-degree Gang Assault, second-degree Gang Assault, fourth-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon and two counts of second-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Darlene Goldberg. They are remanded. They are due back in court on November 18, 2025. Their co-defendants, who are 16 and 15 years old, have been indicted on the same charges and are scheduled to be arraigned in the Youth Part on September 2, 2025.

According to the investigation, on August 5, 2022, at approximately 7:40 P.M. the four defendants entered Williamsbridge Oval Park to allegedly retaliate after the brother of the 15year-old defendant had been stabbed earlier that day. Despite not having been involved in the earlier incident, Angel Mendoza was approached by the 16-year-old boy who displayed a Taurus .9mm handgun and allegedly struck Angel in the face with the firearm. The 15-year-old boy, Ansah and Williams also allegedly hit and kicked the victim in his head, face and body repeatedly.











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At one point, the defendants allegedly stabbed the victim, once in the chest and once in the abdomen. The mortally wounded boy was rushed to Jacobi Hospital where he died from his injuries.

As part of the investigation, detectives obtained cell phone video which showed the defendants carrying out the attack. The video also revealed two additional assailants who have not yet been apprehended.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Homicide Counsel Tony Castro, under the supervision of Burim Namani Deputy Chief of the Homicide Bureau, and Christine Scaccia, Chief of the Homicide Bureau, 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 Mateo Urrego for his assistance in the case.

District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Detective Frank Delgado of the Bronx Homicide Squad, NYPD Detective Daniel Baca, Lieutenant Thomas Demkiw, and Police Officers Klorentin Nokaj, Sami Mujevic and Yeimy Melo Nin of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Precinct for their work in the investigation.

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