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THREE MEN INDICTED IN ASSAULT OF NYPD OFFICER USING STOLEN CAR

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that three men were indicted on Attempted Aggravated Assault Upon a Police or Peace Officer, Attempted Assault in the first-degree, Criminal Possession of Stolen Property, first-degree Reckless Endangerment, and other related charges for allegedly striking a New York City Police Officer while driving a stolen car.

District Attorney Clark said, “These defendants allegedly tried to evade capture for possessing a stolen car and allegedly drove that car directly into a New York City Police Officer, causing him to go over the front hood of the car and then landing on the pavement. Fortunately, he was not seriously injured. Anyone who brazenly assaults a police officer will be held accountable.”

District Attorney Clark said that defendant Sanlli Rodriguez, 29, of East 178th Street, the Bronx, was indicted on Attempted Aggravated Assault Upon a Police or Peace Officer, Attempted Assault in the first-degree, second-degree Criminal Possession of Stolen Property, three counts of second-degree Assault, first-degree Reckless Endangerment, first-degree Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle, two counts of third-degree Criminal Possession of Stolen Property, three counts of fourth-degree Criminal Possession of Stolen Property, third-degree Criminal Mischief, third-degree Unlawful Fleeing a Police Officer in Motor Vehicle, Second Degree Reckless Endangerment, Possession of Burglar’s Tools , third degree Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle and two counts of fourth-degree Criminal Mischief.

District Attorney Clark said that defendants Eddison Abreu, 29, of Riverdale Avenue, the Bronx and Lunden Hunter, 37, of Patchen Avenue, Brooklyn were indicted on second-degree Criminal Possession of Stolen Property, second-degree Assault, first-degree Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle, two counts of third-degree Criminal Possession of Stolen Property, three counts of fourth-degree Criminal Possession of Stolen Property, Possession of Burglar’s Tools and third-degree unauthorized Use of a Vehicle.



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Defendant Hunter was arraigned on April 29, 2026, before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Giyang An and is due back in court on June 30, 2026. Defendant Rodriguez is in custody and will be arraigned on a later date. Edison Abreu has not been apprehended.

According to the investigation, at approximately 6:40 a.m. on October 25, 2025, members of the NYPD Auto Crime Unit located a stolen 2023 Lexus IS 500 that was allegedly being driven by Sanlli Rodriguez inside a parking lot near the intersection of East Tremont Avenue and Boston Road. Officers attempted to block the vehicle from driving away using their police vehicles. The driver, allegedly ignoring repeated police commands to surrender, hit the gas and struck both police vehicles. Rodriguez allegedly continued driving directly into Police Officer Joseph Parisi causing him to go over the hood of the car and land on the pavement. Officer Parisi suffered pain, bruising and swelling to his body.

The Lexus was later recovered, and 10 stolen catalytic converters were found inside.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Lawrence Rozenblum, under the supervision of Assistant District Attorney Jessica Lupo, Deputy Chief in the Trial Division, and under the overall supervision of James Brennan, Deputy Chief of Trial Division and Terry Gottlieb, Chief of Trial Division.

District Attorney Clark thanked Trial Preparation Assistant Jason Singer for his assistance in the case.

District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Lt. William Dooley, Sgt. Brandon Gembecki and Police Officers Benjamin Warren, Gabriel Espadas and Joseph Parisi of the Auto Crimes Unit for their work in the investigation.

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