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BRONX MAN INDICTED FOR MURDER IN FATAL STABBING OF 17-YEAR-OLD Defendant's Mother Indicted for Tampering With Evidence

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been indicted for Murder and Manslaughter for allegedly stabbing a teenager to death. The man's mother was also indicted for tampering with evidence.

District Attorney Clark said, "This defendant is accused of fatally stabbing a 17-year-old boy who was hanging out with his friends and riding an electric scooter. The death of this young man has devastated his family and friends. We will do everything in our power to get justice for this victim and his loved ones."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Andrew Tollinche, 23, of Beach Avenue, the Bronx was arraigned today on second-degree Murder, first-degree Manslaughter and fourth-degree criminal Possession of a Weapon before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Alvin Yearwood. Remand continues. Tollinche's mother, Veronica Roche, 50, was arraigned on June 1, 2026, on Tampering with Physical Evidence, first-degree Hindering Prosecution, second-degree Hindering Prosecution and second-degree Criminal Facilitation before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Alvin Yearwood. Both defendants are due back in court on September 21, 2026.

According to the investigation, on April 29, 2026, at approximately 4:30 p.m., Tollinche and his mother exited their apartment to confront a group that had gathered outside. Tollinche was allegedly in possession of a large kitchen knife and Roche was allegedly holding a stick. Jonathan Melo, 17, was on the block riding an electric scooter, but did not appear to be involved with the group. Nevertheless, Tollinche allegedly chased after Melo and stabbed the teenager in the back. Melo was rushed to NYC Health + Hospitals/Jacobi, where he died.



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The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Nicholas Dicostanzo, under the supervision of Burim Namani, Deputy Chief of the Homicide Bureau, 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 NYPD Detectives Scott Schulman of the 43rd Precinct and Frank Locascio of Bronx Homicide for their work in the investigation.

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