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Bronx Man Indicted For Slashing Bus Driver
Defendant Faces Up To 25 Years In Prison If Convicted

Kings County District Attorney Kenneth P. Thompson today announced that a 29-year-old Bronx man has been indicted on assault and other charges for allegedly slashing the neck of a New York City Transit bus driver earlier this month.

District Attorney Thompson said, “This defendant could have easily killed this innocent and hardworking bus driver who was simply waiting for his bus to be towed after it broke down. We will now vigorously prosecute this and any other violent and senseless attack on any Transit worker in Brooklyn.”

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Alfredo Perez, 29, of 1363 Franklin Avenue in the Bronx. He has been named in a six-count indictment in which he is charged with first-degree assault, first-degree attempted assault, two counts of second-degree assault, third-degree assault and fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon. The indictment was filed yesterday in Brooklyn Supreme Court. If convicted, he faces up to 25 years in prison. The defendant is presently being held on \$15,000 bail, which was set at his Criminal Court arraignment.

The District Attorney said that, according to the investigation, on September 13, 2014, at approximately 10:50 p.m., in the vicinity of Stone Avenue and Hegeman Avenue, in the Brownsville section of Brooklyn, NYCT bus driver John Browne, whose bus was disabled, was standing outside of the bus waiting for a tow truck when the defendant accused Browne of staring at the defendant’s girlfriend. The defendant allegedly began screaming and cursing at Browne, then slashed him across the left side of his neck. He then fled the scene and was arrested on September 17, 2014.

The case was investigated by the New York City Police Department’s 73rd precinct detective squad.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Farin Chasin-Fodeman, of the District Attorney’s Orange Zone Trial Bureau, under the supervision of Thomas Ridges, Chief of the Orange Zone Trial Bureau.

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

