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**TWO LONG ISLAND MEN CHARGED WITH RAPPER CHINX'S MURDER
AND WOUNDING OF SECOND MAN**

Defendants Face 25 Years To Life In Prison If Convicted

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown, joined by New York City Police Commissioner James P. O'Neill, today announced that a Queens County grand jury has returned a five-count indictment charging two Long Island men with the fatal May 2015 shooting of rapper Lionel Pickens, 31, who performed under the stage name Chinx, and the wounding of Antar Alziadi, 27, as they sat in the musician's vehicle in Briarwood, Queens.

District Attorney Brown said, "In another example of the mindless gun violence plaguing our country, a young, up-and coming musician had his life and career dramatically cut short by a burst of senseless shooting that also wounded an acquaintance. Such violence has no place in a civilized society."

Commissioner O'Neill said, "This indictment shows that the two defendants essentially stalked their victims before shooting them and making a getaway. But through the talent and tenacity of the Queens South detectives, working closely with the office of the Queens District Attorney, they have now been brought back to answer for this violent act."

The District Attorney identified the defendants as Jamar Hill, 26, of Valley Stream, and Quincy Homere, 32, of Baldwin. The two defendants are presently awaiting arraignment before Queens Supreme Court Justice Kenneth J. Holder on a five-count indictment charging them with one count each of second-degree murder, second-degree attempted murder, first-degree assault and two counts of second-degree criminal possession of a weapon. If convicted, they each face up to 25 years to life in prison.

District Attorney Brown said that, according to the charges, in the early morning hours of May 17, 2015, Hill and Homere followed Pickens, 31, from a nightclub performance in Brooklyn into Queens before firing a weapon at Pickens' Porsche in the vicinity of Main Street and Queens Boulevard. Both Pickens and his passenger, Antar Alziadi, were struck multiple times. The two men were transported to a local Queens hospital, where Pickens was pronounced dead and Alziadi was treated for his injuries.

The investigation was conducted by New York City Police Department Detective Thomas Scalise, of the 107th Precinct Detective Squad, which is under the supervision of Lieutenant Shawn Tutthill, and by Detective Vincent Santangelo of the Queens South Homicide Squad, which is under the supervision of Lieutenant Richard Rudolph and the overall supervision of the Chief of Detectives Robert Boyce.

Senior Assistant District Attorney Brian C. Hughes, of the District Attorney's Homicide Trials Bureau, is prosecuting the case with Assistant District Attorney Michael J. Curtis, of the Homicide Investigations Bureau. The Homicide Trials Bureau is under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Brad A. Leventhal, Bureau Chief, and Jack Warsawsky, Deputy Bureau Chief, and the Homicide Investigations Bureau is under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Peter T. Reese, Bureau Chief, and Peter J. McCormack III, Richard B. Schaeffer and John W. Kosinski, Deputy Bureau Chiefs, and Robert S. Ciesla, Section Chief. Both bureaus are under the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Daniel A. Saunders and Deputy Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Brad A. Leventhal.

It should be noted that an indictment is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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