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RAPPER CARDI B AND TWO OTHERS INDICTED BY QUEENS GRAND JURY
ON ATTEMPTED ASSAULT, HARASSMENT, CONSPIRACY AND OTHER CHARGES

*The Trio Allegedly Used Social Media to Coordinate Attacks, Including Plan to Record Assaults;
If Convicted The Defendants Face Up to Four Years in Prison*

Acting Queens District Attorney John M. Ryan announced today that a Queens County grand jury has indicted Belcalis Almanzar - more commonly known as Cardi B - and two other individuals in a 12-count indictment charging all three defendants with attempted assault, harassment, conspiracy and other crimes for two alleged attacks on female bartenders working in a club in College Point, Queens, in August of 2018.

Acting District Attorney Ryan said, "The defendants in this case are accused of two premeditated attacks on two women working at a club in Queens last summer. The victims allegedly had glass bottles hurled at them, alcoholic drinks thrown in their faces and one woman's head was slammed into the bar. This kind of violence won't be tolerated in our community. The defendants will be held accountable for their alleged actions."

The District Attorney's Office identified the defendants as Belcalis "Cardi B" Almanzar, 26, of the Bronx, Tawana "RemyRojaLaPerla" Jackson-Morel, 36, and Jeffrey "AstonMartinChuck" Bush, 34, both of Brooklyn. The defendants were arraigned today before Queens Supreme Court Justice Joseph Zayas. The defendants are charged in a 12-count indictment with second-degree attempted assault, third-degree assault, second-degree harassment, fourth- and fifth-degree criminal solicitation, fifth- and sixth-degree conspiracy and second-degree reckless endangerment. Justice Zayas continued release on their own recognizance and ordered defendants Jackson-Morel and Bush to return to court on September 9, 2019. The return date for defendant Almanzar will be scheduled following her co-defendants' appearance in September. If convicted, all three defendants face up to four years in prison.

According to the indictment, on August 15, 2018, defendant Bush was present at the Angels Gentlemen's Club and Restaurant at 32-17 College Point Boulevard. Shortly after 3 a.m., defendant Bush and an unapprehended female placed an order at the bar with a female bartender. The 21-year-old employee was in the process of serving the pair when the unapprehended female allegedly grabbed the victim by her hair, slammed her head into the bar and began punching her repeatedly. Three additional unapprehended females allegedly joined in and also struck the victim repeatedly. Defendant Bush is alleged to have video recorded the attack and used his body to attempt to block anyone from intervening in the attack on the bartender.

Continuing, according to the indictment, prior to the defendants' arrival at the club, defendants Almanzar and Jackson-Morel chatted on a social media platform and allegedly coordinated the day, time

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and location the attack would take place, as well as whom they were targeting. Jackson-Morel and Almanzar allegedly discussed money being exchanged for carrying out the alleged assault.

Acting DA Ryan continued, according to the charges, on August 29, 2018, the three defendants again patronized the gentlemen's club in College Point. On this night, the bartender that was serving the defendants' group was the 23-year-old sister of the victim from the August 15th alleged attack. At approximately 3:30 a.m., defendant Jackson-Morel allegedly threw a cocktail into the 23-year-old woman's face and defendants Bush and Almanzar, as well as several unapprehended others, also threw drinks, glass bottles and various objects at the bartender. The glass bottles shattered on the floor of the club, as a result the victim sustained lacerations to her legs, bruising to her feet and the alcohol thrown in her face irritated her eyes.

Continuing, according to the indictment, the defendants allegedly used social media chats to plan the August 29th attack, as they had for the earlier alleged assault.

Assistant District Attorney Ryan V. Nicolosi, of the District Attorney's Kew Gardens I Bureau, is prosecuting the case, under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Francesco Catarisano, Bureau Chief, Robin D. Leopold and Raymond E. Sheer, Deputy Bureau Chiefs, Andrea Medina, Unit Chief, and under the overall supervision of Senior Executive Assistant District Attorney for Trials James C. Quinn and Deputy Executive Assistant District Attorney for Trials Laura M. Henigman.

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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