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Defendant Allegedly Wielded Knife in Unprovoked Attacks

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz announced that Feruz Radjabov was indicted by a grand jury and arraigned today on two counts of attempted murder, assault and other crimes in the random stabbing of a driver pumping gas in Ozone Park and a man standing on the platform at a nearby subway station. The commuter was taken to the hospital in critical condition. Radjabov is also accused of assaulting a police officer.

District Attorney Katz said: "Two New Yorkers – a subway commuter and a motorist – were stabbed in completely unprovoked acts of violence allegedly by this defendant. The lives of these two men are forever changed after this senseless attack and my office will aggressively prosecute this case to ensure that justice in achieved. I thank the NYPD for quickly apprehending this defendant before anyone else was hurt."

Radjabov, 40, who is undomiciled and whose last known address was on East 10th Street in Midwood, Brooklyn, was arraigned today while bedside at a local hospital on an indictment charging him with two counts of attempted murder in the second degree, attempted assault in the first degree, two counts of assault in the second degree, criminal possession of a weapon in the fourth degree and assault on a peace or police officer, a fireman or an EMS professional.

Acting Supreme Court Justice Edwin Novillo remanded the defendant and ordered him to return to court September 17.

If convicted of the top charges, Radjabov faces up to 65 years in prison.

According to the charges:

- On August 7, at approximately 5:05 p.m., Radjabov walked up to a 25-year-old man, who was pumping gas at a gas station at 100-03 North Conduit Avenue in Ozone Park, and stabbed him in the left shoulder. He then fled.
- A few minutes later, Radjabov was seen on the northbound platform of the nearby Aqueduct-North Conduit Avenue A train station. He approached a 67-year-old grandfather and stabbed him once in the neck.
- Radjabov was then seen entering the subway tracks. He was apprehended from the Rockaway-bound tracks. A knife was recovered from his pocket.
- Both victims were taken to Jamaica Hospital Medical Center where the 67-year-old underwent surgery to repair his trachea and jugular vein. He remains hospitalized. The 25-year-old was treated and discharged.
- The defendant was taken to the 106th Precinct and while there struck an officer in the face with his head, causing a laceration to the officer's lip and a chipped tooth.

Assistant District Attorney Erin Mullins of the District Attorney's Career Criminal Major Crimes Bureau is prosecuting the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorney Michael Whitney, Bureau Chief, Roni Piplani, Deputy Bureau Chief, and under the overall supervision of Executive District Attorney for Major Crimes Shawn Clark.

Criminal complaints and indictments are accusations. A defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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