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**NOTIFICATION – GREENPOINT KIDNAPPERS SENTENCED**

Dear Community Partner in Justice:

Brooklyn District Attorney Ken Thompson today announced that three men have been sentenced to 13 years, 15 years, and 15 years to life in prison, respectively, for kidnapping, beating and robbing two men in Greenpoint.

The victims were walking along Greenpoint Avenue in December 2013 when they were suddenly ambushed by the defendants. Displaying firearms and police shields, the defendants identified themselves as Drug Enforcement Administration agents, handcuffed the victims and threw them into a van. The defendants tortured one of the men with a blowtorch on his thighs and genitals and put out lit cigarettes on his face and neck to force him to tell them where he kept his cash.

District Attorney Thompson said, “These three defendants not only blindfolded and kidnapped the victims but also subjected them to brutal acts of terror and even torture with a blow torch. Such depraved acts of violence -- all done for money -- were cruel and simply inhumane and led to the lengthy prison sentences that they each got.”

Sincerely,

Ken Thompson