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Two East New York Men Convicted of Kidnapping For Hire, Murder

Brooklyn District Attorney Ken Thompson announced today that two East New York men have been convicted of kidnapping, murder and related charges for the forced abduction and murder of a Williamsburg man.

On the afternoon of November 14, 2012, the defendants, Tramel Cuencas and Irving Gavin, forced their way into the apartment of Thomas Dudley and held him and three other occupants at gun point. They then took approximately \$10,000 from a safe inside the home. The defendants then forced the victim to get dressed, tied his hands and then directed him into a U-haul truck waiting outside. The victim's body was found the following day in Forest Park, Queens.

The defendants, both members of the Elm Street Piru gang, made incriminating statements after their arrest, and indicated that the kidnapping was ordered by another gang member as retaliation for a drug dispute. In exchange for the kidnapping of Mr. Dudley, the defendants expected to be paid in cash, drugs and his Jaguar.

District Attorney Thompson said, "These two defendants kidnapped a man and then slit his throat all for money, drugs and a car. They will now pay a steep price for their barbaric acts."