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**STATEMENT FROM MAYOR DE BLASIO ON EAST VILLAGE GAS EXPLOSION
INDICTMENTS**

“The individuals involved in the East Village gas explosion showed a blatant and callous disregard for human life. We are heartened that today these defendants will be brought to justice and forced to answer for their criminal actions. New York City lost two of our own in this tragic explosion – and New York City’s Bravest put their lives on the line to battle this seven-alarm fire. These indictments will hopefully bring Mr. Figueroa and Mr. Locón's families some closure following this tragic event. I want to thank Manhattan DA Vance, NYPD, FDNY and DOI for their work on this important investigation.”

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