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**BRONX JURY CONVICTS MAN OF ATTEMPTED MURDER DESPITE LACK
OF COOPERATION FROM SHOOTING VICTIM;
CASE BASED ON AUDIO AND VIDEO EVIDENCE**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a 38-year-old man has been found guilty of attempted murder for shooting a man in a New York City Housing Authority building in 2014.

District Attorney Clark said, "This verdict sends a message that anyone who brings gun fire and bloodshed to the streets or public housing in the Bronx will be brought to justice. The defendant opened fire in the lobby of a NYCHA development and his seriously wounded victim would not participate in the prosecution, but the jury convicted him using the video and audio evidence we presented."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Jeffrey Harris, 38, was convicted on April 8, 2016 of one count of second-degree attempted murder after a four-week trial before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Ethan Greenberg.

Harris faces eight to 25 years in prison when he is sentenced on May 5, 2016.

According to trial testimony, on November 7, 2014, Harris fired one shot in the lobby of 1805 Crotona Avenue in the Murphy Houses, striking Dee Jones, 33, in his leg and shattering his femur bone. Video from a surveillance camera in the lobby showed Harris there before the shooting, and five minutes later he reappeared with his face covered, and a gun and an arm can be seen when the shots are fired.

Evidence also included Harris' statements, made in a recorded Rikers Island phone call, regarding the video surveillance: "They seen me come in...Me...the pictures." And, "They show me some...pictures...I'm like, yeah, that's me. Because it is me."

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The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Dan DeFilippi and Sansara Cannon of the Trial Division, under the supervision of Trial Division Chief Jeremy Shockett.

District Attorney Clark also thanked her Office's Video Unit, particularly video technician Jorge Santamaria, who did an outstanding job preparing the NYCHA video.

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