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**BRONX MAN CONVICTED OF MURDERING MAN IN FEUD
OVER “LOOSIE” CIGARETTE
Defendant Shot Victim Five Times; Dispute Stemmed from 40 Cents Owed**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been convicted of murder and weapon possession for fatally shooting his neighbor in a dispute stemming from small change owed for a loose cigarette.

District Attorney Clark said, “The senselessness of this crime is incomprehensible. The victim and defendant had been arguing about the defendant’s delay in paying the 40 cents he owed for a loose cigarette, and a petty matter led to the murder of one man and a possible life sentence for another.”

District Attorney Clark said that the defendant, Lamont Jones, 45, of 2290 Andrews Avenue in the University Heights section, was convicted on April 19, 2016 by a jury after a two-week trial before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Lester Adler of second-degree Murder and second-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon. Jones faces 25 years to life in prison for the murder and 3 1/2 to 15 years on the weapon charge when he is sentenced on May 10, 2016.

According to trial testimony, Jones had bought a cigarette from Ibushio Sealey, 35, who also lived at 2290 Andrews Avenue, and owed him 40 cents. Sealey and Jones feuded over the remaining debt, even after Jones had paid it.

According to trial testimony, on August 26, 2013, Jones shot Sealey five times, including four shots to his back, inside their building.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Michael Schordine of the Trial Division and April Cohen of Gangs/Major Case.

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