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GANG MEMBER SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS IN PRISON FOR FATALLY STABBING TEENAGER

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a 22-year-old Trinitarios gang member has been sentenced to 25 years in prison with five years of post-release supervision for the fatal stabbing of a 16-year-old boy.

District Attorney Clark said, “Dennis Marquez was a teenager who came to the United States from the Dominican Republic with high hopes for his future, but gang members senselessly took his life and now will spend decades behind bars for it.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Jeramie Rodriguez, 22, of 18 Stratford Avenue in Soundview, was sentenced on May 27, 2016, to 25 years in prison with five years of post-release supervision by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Alvin Yearwood. Rodriguez had been convicted by a jury of first-degree Manslaughter after a three week trial on April 19, 2016.

Another defendant charged in the killing, Victor Mena, was sentenced in November, 2015 to 22 years in prison after being found guilty of first-degree Manslaughter.

According to trial testimony, in the early morning hours of March 13th, 2011, Marquez, who had moved to the U.S. from the Dominican Republic several months earlier, was present at a house party in the Morrisania section. When Marquez was leaving, a group of Trinitarios, including Rodriguez and Mena, confronted him and asked if he was in a gang. Marquez, who was not involved with any gang activity, attempted to escape but was jumped by the men and stabbed to death.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Felicity Lung of the Bronx District Attorney’s Gangs/Major Case Bureau.

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