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GANG MEMBERS PLEAD GUILTY TO SLAYING OF BRONX TEEN **Victim's Death in 2013 Became Rallying Cry Against Gun Violence**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that two Latin Kings members have pleaded guilty to manslaughter for the shooting of an innocent bystander.

District Attorney Clark said, "Alphonza Bryant was weeks away from graduating high school when he was killed in a hail of bullets. His mother courageously channeled her grief into fighting gun violence after his death, and now has some measure of justice as his killers go to prison."

District Attorney Clark said that one defendant, Raul Pacheco, 25, of 1967 Vyse Avenue, pleaded guilty today, June 28, 2016, to first-degree Manslaughter before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Judith Lieb. Pacheco faces 18 years in prison and five years post-release supervision when he is sentenced on July 14, 2016.

Defendant Eric Landron, 26, of 887 East 169th Street, pleaded guilty on June 21, 2016, to first-degree Manslaughter before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Judith Lieb. Landron faces 10 years in prison and five years post-release supervision when he is sentenced on July 27, 2016.

According to the investigation, on the night of April 22, 2013, 17-year-old Bryant was hanging out with friends on Fox Street in Morrisania. Pacheco and Landron, who are both affiliated with the Latin Kings, fired 10 shots to send a message to rival Latin Kings members who lived on that block. Bryant was struck in the chest, and died at Bronx Lebanon Hospital.

Bryant's death was cited by then-Mayor Michael Bloomberg as an example of senseless murder, and his mother, Jenai Van Doten, spoke out against guns and gangs.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Trial Assistant District Attorney Theresa Gottlieb.

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