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BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS IN PRISON FOR KILLING LIVERY DRIVER DURING HOLDUP

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man who fatally shot a livery cab driver during a robbery has been sentenced to 25 years in prison.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant shot Julio Lora, a hardworking man, for a few dollars. The victim was on life support for five months before he lost his courageous battle. The defendant will spend 25 years in prison for his callous, brutal crime."

District Attorney Clark said that the defendant, Devon Taylor, 29, of 1580 Hoe Avenue, was sentenced today, August 9, 2016, before Bronx Supreme Court Justice William Mogulescu to 25 years in prison and five years post-release supervision. Taylor pleaded guilty to first-degree Manslaughter on May 16, 2016 during his trial.

According to the investigation, on March 31, 2011, Taylor and his children entered a livery cab driven by Julio Lora, 64, and rode to 921 Prospect Avenue. As soon as the children exited the vehicle, Taylor pulled out a .45 caliber handgun and held it to Lora's head and demanded money.

Taylor shot Lora in the neck and escaped with \$13, which was covered in blood. Lora died on August 23, 2011 from his wounds.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys George Suminski of the Homicide Bureau and Matthew Hellman of the Gangs/Major Case Bureau.

District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Detective Shane Rogers and Police Officers Carol Cordero and Christopher Rivera for their work on the case.

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