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BRONX MAN FOUND GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER FOR KILLING DAUGHTER'S BOYFRIEND

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been found guilty of first-degree Manslaughter for the fatal shooting of his daughter's boyfriend during a fight inside a Wakefield apartment building.

District Attorney Clark said, "This defendant, who was an off-duty New York City Correction Officer at the time, responded to a young man's punches with a gunshot. And after he shot the victim, he failed to provide any assistance whatsoever. He let him die."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Darryl Brown, 58, of 739 East 242nd Street, was convicted by a jury on Sept. 30, 2016 of first-degree Manslaughter after a two-week trial before Acting Bronx Supreme Court Justice Robert Neary. Brown faces up to 25 years in prison when he is sentenced on October 19, 2016.

According to trial testimony, on March 20, 2014, Brown, a Department of Correction Officer who was off-duty, noticed Vonde Cabbagestalk, 21, who was in a relationship with his daughter, speaking to another man in his building's lobby. Brown demanded to know why Cabbagestalk was there and an argument escalated, with Cabbagestalk throwing some punches at Brown.

Brown was seen brandishing a semiautomatic gun, at which Cabbagestalk tried to swipe. Brown fired one shot, striking Cabbagestalk in the chest and killing him.

According to testimony, a neighbor, who did not witness the incident, heard Brown's daughter yell "No, daddy, no!" and called police after Brown and his daughter left Cabbagestalk bleeding on the floor and ran back to their apartment.

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The case was investigated and prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys L. Newton Mendys, Supervisor of the Criminal Enterprise Bureau, and Jennifer Petersen of the Public Integrity Bureau.

District Attorney Clark would like to thank the 47th Precinct Detective Squad for their assistance, as well as Bronx District Attorney's Detective Investigators Brian O'Loughlin, John Reilly and Michael Bunyan.

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