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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 18 YEARS TO LIFE IN PRISON
FOR MURDER OF 80-YEAR-OLD MAN
Defendant's Young Son Watched As Victim Was Beaten To Death With Metal Pipe**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced to 18 years to life in prison for fatally beating an 80-year-old man in a dispute over money.

District Attorney Clark said, "This defendant brutally beat an elderly man with a metal pipe in front of his own 7-year-old son, all because of a dispute over money. The defendant took the life of a man who was beloved by his family and a fixture in his neighborhood and now the defendant will pay the price for this heartless act."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Jason Rivera, 30 of 575 East 140th Street, was sentenced today to 18 years to life in prison for second-degree Murder by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Lester Adler. Rivera was convicted by a jury on June 12, 2017.

According to the investigation, on the night of September 2, 2014, inside a store on St. Ann's Avenue at East 139th Street, Rivera —with his son in tow — confronted Manuel Rosario over money. Rosario followed Rivera outside the store with a metal pipe he had retrieved from inside the store and Rivera took it from him, striking him repeatedly with it. Rosario died eight days later at Lincoln Medical Center as a result of blunt trauma injuries.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Homicide Counsel Theresa Gottlieb of the Homicide Bureau and Assistant District Attorney Michelle Villaverde of Trial Bureau 20, under the supervision of Christine Scaccia, Chief of the Homicide Bureau, and Meredith Holtzman, Chief of Trial Bureau 20, and the overall supervision of Jeremy Shockett, Chief of the Trial Division.

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