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**BRONX MAN TO GET 15 YEARS TO LIFE IN PRISON  
FOR FATALLY SHOOTING MAN FOLLOWING FIGHT  
Defendant Pleaded Guilty To Murder**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has pleaded guilty to second-degree Murder for fatally shooting a man he was fighting with and will be sentenced to 15 years to life in prison.

District Attorney Clark said, “The defendant escalated a senseless brawl, causing the death of a man who lingered in pain from his injuries for over a month. We hope this sentence serves as a reminder that we will not tolerate gun violence and will continue to work to make our community safer.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Frank Ellis, 50, pleaded guilty today to second-degree Murder before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Alvin Yearwood and will be sentenced to 15 years to life in prison on March 28, 2018.

According to the investigation, on November 7, 2014, inside a store at 2019 Vyse Ave., the defendant was involved in an argument with Candido Lopez, 52. The defendant punched Lopez, left the store and returned a short time later with a firearm. Ellis fired two shots, striking Lopez, and fled. Lopez died of his injuries five weeks later on December 9, 2014. Ellis, who is a mandatory persistent felon, was arrested on April 17, 2015.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Paul Rosenfeld, Senior Homicide Counsel to the Homicide Bureau, under the supervision Christine Scaccia, Chief of the Homicide Bureau and under the overall supervision of Nicole Keary, Deputy Chief of the Trial Division.

District Attorney Clark thanked Detectives Lincoln Archambeau of the 48<sup>th</sup> Precinct and Sean O’Leary of the Bronx Homicide Squad, as well as Assistant District Attorney Tala Nazareno of Trial Bureau 20 for their assistance in the case.