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**THREE MEN SENTENCED TO PRISON IN MURDER OF 33-YEAR-OLD
ARMY VETERAN**

**Victim, the Father of A Young Son, Was Fighting Leukemia;
Gunman Sentenced to 40 Years to Life**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that three men have been sentenced to prison in the planned killing of a U.S. Army veteran who was shot dead after being wrongly identified as an assailant in a bar fight.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendants plotted and set out to kill an innocent man who had come to the Bronx from Florida to visit his young son. The victim was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army so he could battle leukemia and then was senselessly murdered. The sentences hopefully will bring a measure of justice to the victim's loved ones."

District Attorney Clark said the defendants, Carlos Velez, 35, of 370 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn, and Luis Charbonier, 47, of 4161 Grace Avenue, the Bronx, were sentenced on June 11, 2018, by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Lester Adler. Velez was sentenced to 25 years to life for Murder and 15 years for Attempted Murder, to be served consecutively, and seven and a half to 15 years for Conspiracy, to be served concurrently. Charbonier was sentenced to 15 years to life for Murder, 12 years for Attempted Murder and six to 12 years for Conspiracy with all sentences to run concurrently. The defendants were found guilty by a jury on April 5, 2018. The third defendant, William Andrades, 36, of 50 South High Street, Mount Vernon, N.Y., pleaded guilty on April 19, 2018 to second-degree Conspiracy and was sentenced on May 17, 2018 to seven and a half to 15 years in prison.

According to the investigation, on March 12, 2015, the victim, Jason Allwood, and a friend were at Cullen's Tavern on White Plains Road in the Bronx. A man named Alexis Valentin, was beaten by another bar patron in a fight over a woman. Allwood came to Valentin's aid and pulled his assailant off him. On the next night, March 13, 2015, Velez, who is Valentin's brother, and Charbonier, Valentin's brother-in-law, hatched a plot to get revenge

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against the person who beat him. Velez and Charbonier went to the bar with Andrades, a cousin of Valentin's, where Velez threatened a patron to tell him who beat up his brother the night before. The patron falsely pointed out Allwood, who again was in the bar that night.

Andrades followed Allwood and his friend when they left the bar, and when Allwood arrived at his friend's house on Murdock Avenue, Velez and Charbonier pulled up, Velez approached and shot Allwood twice and his friend once. Velez then pistol-whipped Allwood, who died enroute to the hospital. His friend survived.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys John Miras and Rachel Kalman of the Homicide Bureau under the supervision of Christine Scaccia, Chief of the Homicide Bureau and the overall supervision of Theresa Gottlieb, Chief of the Trial Division. District Attorney Clark thanked Detective Patrick Sullivan and Detective Peter Cullen for their assistance in the case.