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## BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS IN PRISON FOR SHOOTING MAN TO DEATH

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced to 20 years in prison for Manslaughter for fatally shooting a man.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant shot the victim six times. We must hold shooters accountable and continue our efforts to remove guns from our streets."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Diquinn Lacend, 31, of 328 East 145<sup>th</sup> Street, was sentenced on September 5, 2024, by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Ralph Fabrizio to 20 years in prison and five years post-release supervision. The defendant pleaded guilty to first-degree Manslaughter on July 25, 2024.

According to the investigation, on July 15, 2022, at approximately 11:53 p.m., near East 162<sup>nd</sup> Street and Teller Avenue, the defendant shot James Thrower, 31, and after Thrower fell to his back, Lacend shot Thrower five more times about the body.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Johnathan Vega of the Homicide Bureau, under the supervision of Namani Burim, Deputy Chief of the Homicide Bureau, and Christine Scaccia, Chief of the Homicide Bureau, and under the overall supervision of James Brennan, Deputy Chief of the Trial Division, and Theresa Gottlieb, Chief of the Trial Division.

District Attorney Clark thanked Digital Forensic Examiner Julie Moy of the Digital Forensic Lab, Crime Victim Advocate Carina Diaz of the Crime Victims Assistance Bureau, and Correction Officer Investigator Walter Holmes of the Department of Correction Intelligence Bureau for their assistance in the investigation. District Attorney Clark also thanked NYPD Detective Arelis Collazo of Bronx Homicide, and Detective Anthony Romero of the NYPD's Violent Felony Squad for their work on the case.