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BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 12 YEARS IN PRISON FOR SHOOTING PATIENT IN JACOBI HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOM

Defendant Endangered Patients, Staff When He Fired Four Shots

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced to 12 years in prison for shooting a man in the emergency room waiting area of NYC Health + Hospitals Jacobi, sending patients and hospital staff running for their lives.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant opened fire inside Jacobi's emergency room, wounding one man and showing complete disregard for the patients and staff, with one bullet lodging in a wall close to a woman holding a baby. The defendant's violent actions have now been answered with a substantial prison sentence."

The defendant, Keber Martinez, 25, formerly of 1241 Beach Avenue was sentenced today to 12 years in prison and five years post-release supervision on one count of first-degree Assault by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Jeanette Rodriguez-Morick. He pleaded guilty to that charge on August 28, 2024.

According to the investigation, on January 25, 2022, the defendant was inside the hospital emergency room and shot at the 35-year-old victim four times, striking him once in the left arm causing him to bleed profusely. Martinez fled the hospital after the shooting and was arrested in Harlem. The attack was captured on hospital surveillance video.

The case was prosecuted by both Senior Trial Assistant District Attorney Paul G. Irace and Major Case Assistant District Attorney Scott G. McDonald of Trial Bureau 60, under the supervision of Michael Schordine, Deputy Chief of Trial Bureau 60, Susanna Imbo, Chief of Trial Bureau 60, and under the overall supervision of James Brennan, Deputy Chief of the Trial Division, and Theresa Gottlieb, Chief of the Trial Division.



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District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Detective Robinson Martinez of the 49th Precinct Detective Squad, retired Commanding Officer of the Bronx Homicide Squad Lieutenant William O'Toole, as well as Detectives from Bronx Homicide, and NYPD officers and detectives who responded to the scene.