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**NEW ROCHELLE MAN SENTENCED TO 5 YEARS IN PRISON FOR SLASHING  
MAN IN DISPUTE OUTSIDE BRONX BODEGA**  
**Victim Was Slashed Three Times; Received 29 Stitches**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a New Rochelle man has been sentenced to five years in prison for repeatedly slashing a man.

District Attorney Clark said, “The defendant brutally slashed a man who slighted him. Such explosive violence has been answered with a jury’s guilty verdict and a prison sentence.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Shamel Rodriguez, 34, of New Rochelle, was sentenced on October 22, 2024, by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Joseph McCormack to five years in prison and five years post-release supervision. The defendant was convicted of second-degree Assault after a jury trial on June 20, 2024.

According to the investigation, on September 10th, 2019, the defendant was at a bodega at 1950 Bryant Avenue and argued with a man, who tossed a cup of soup at Rodriguez. The defendant pulled out a knife, chased him, and slashed the victim across the arm three times. He was rushed to the hospital where he received 29 stitches.

The case was prosecuted by Major Case Assistant District Attorney Devin Burns Horzempa and Assistant District Attorney Kristina Kozlovski of Trial Bureau 60, under the supervision of Michael Schordine, Deputy Chief of Trial Bureau 60, and 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.

District Attorney Clark thanked Team Leader Bryan McRinna and Trial Preparation Assistant Amanda McCollum of Trial Bureau 60 and Video Technician Stalin Crespo of the Video Unit.



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