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BRONX MAN INDICTED FOR MURDERING TEEN IN HAIL OF BULLETS

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been indicted for second-degree Murder and additional charges for the fatal shooting of a teenager on a Mott Haven Street.

District Attorney Clark said “The defendant allegedly fired ten shots at a 17-year-old boy, striking him three times and ending his life. This act was reckless and senseless.”

District Attorney Clark said James Walker, 34, of 609 Oak Terrace, was indicted on second-degree Murder, first-degree Manslaughter and two counts of second-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon. He was arraigned before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Brenda Rivera Remand was continued and he is due back in court on March 26, 2025.

According to the investigation, on November 9, 2024, at approximately 7:40 p.m., in front of 609 Oak Terrace, in the Mott Haven section of the Bronx, Walker came out of his building and allegedly fired ten shots from a 9-mm. pistol at Xavier Navarez, 17, whom he knew, striking him three times in the torso and leg. He was taken to New York Health And Hospitals Lincoln where he later died. Walker surrendered to NYPD Detectives at his apartment. The weapon was recovered in a bag behind the building.

The case is being prosecuted by Homicide Assistant Johnathan Vega under the supervision of Burim Namani, Deputy Chief of the Homicide Bureau, 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 Homicide Trial Preparation Assistant Janelle Rosa for her work on the case.

District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Detective Frankie Soler of the Bronx Homicide Squad and Detective Christopher Medina of the 40th Precinct Detective Squad for their work on the investigation.

An indictment is an accusatory instrument and not proof of a defendant’s guilt.