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**BRONX MAN CONVICTED OF MANSLAUGHTER FOR KILLING
ROOMMATE
Defendant Bludgeoned 63-Year-Old Man With Shovel**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been convicted of first-degree Manslaughter for the 2014 killing of his 63-year-old roommate, whom he fatally struck multiple times with a shovel following a dispute.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant brutally beat to death an elderly man who suffered from poor health and had welcomed him into his home. After striking the victim with a shovel, the defendant left him to die on the floor. Now he faces many years in prison for this callous crime."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Armando Sanchez, 21, who was living at 2185 Grand Concourse, was found guilty today of first-degree Manslaughter by Acting Bronx Supreme Court Justice Margaret Clancy after a bench trial that lasted about four weeks. Sanchez faces up to 25 years in prison when he is sentenced on January 24, 2017.

According to trial testimony, on November 12, 2014, Sanchez argued with his roommate, Elvin Ramirez, 63, with whom he had been living for the past month in Ramirez's 2185 Grand Concourse apartment. The following day, Ramirez was found dead in his apartment. Sanchez was arrested on December 14, 2014 after surveillance video from the building showed him attempting to cover his face as he fled the residence.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney George Suminski of the Homicide Bureau under the supervision of Christine Scaccia, Deputy Chief of the Homicide Bureau, and the overall supervision of Nicole Keary, Deputy Chief of the Trial Division and Jeremy Shockett, Chief of the Trial Division. District Attorney Clark thanked Detective Davie Rodriguez, formally with the Bronx Homicide Task Force and now with the Joint Bank Robbery Violent Crime Task Force.

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