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**BRONX GANG MEMBER CONVICTED OF FATALLY SHOOTING ONE
MAN, ASSAULTING TWO OTHERS ON BELMONT STREET**

Defendant Said "This Is Our Turf" Before Attacking Three C-Town Workers

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a 24-year-old Bronx man has been found guilty in the 2012 murder of a man and assaults on two others near the supermarket in Belmont where all three worked.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant shot and killed a hardworking man and pistol-whipped the victim's co-workers, because they were supposedly on his gang's turf. Now he faces many years in prison for his brutal response to a perceived slight."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Jose Soriano, 24, of 2343 Arthur Avenue in the Belmont section, was convicted by a jury of second-degree murder, second-degree criminal possession of a weapon, and two counts of second-degree assault on April 15, 2016, after a two-week trial before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Margaret Clancy.

Soriano faces 25 years to life in prison for the murder, 15 years for the weapon charge, and seven years on each assault count when he is sentenced on May 20, 2016.

According to trial testimony, on March 17, 2012, on East 187th Street near Cambreleng Avenue, Soriano approached Robert Guerrero, 34, an assistant manager at a nearby C-Town Supermarket, and two co-workers, Elias Perea and Isaias Saavedra, who were hanging out, and said, "Yo, this is our turf," and "We're the Raza Locos."

He then pistol-whipped the men, and they fled into their nearby home. After an hour the trio came outside, and Soriano shot Guerrero twice, killing him.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys John Miras and John Morabito of the District Attorney's Trial Division.

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