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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS IN PRISON FOR SHOOTING  
INTO CROWD, THEN STABBING WOMAN TO KEEP HER SILENT  
Defendant Pleaded Guilty to Attempted Murder; Shot and Wounded Three People,  
Then Slit Throat of Woman Who Was With Him at Shooting**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced to 15 years in prison on a pre-indictment plea of guilty to two counts of Attempted Murder for shooting three innocent bystanders and stabbing a woman multiple times on a night in October, 2017.

District Attorney Clark said, “The defendant wantonly fired a gun into a crowd, hitting three innocent bystanders, and then hours later he tried to kill a woman who had been with him at the shooting, fearing she would be a witness against him. He slit her throat and stabbed her 15 times. Fortunately, all the victims survived. Now he will serve 15 years in prison for this vicious spree.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Juan DeJesus, 25, of 428 E. 135<sup>th</sup> Street, was sentenced today to 15 years in prison and five years post-release supervision by Bronx Criminal Court Judge Bahaati Pitt. DeJesus pleaded guilty to two counts of Attempted Murder on November 16, 2017 before Bronx Criminal Court Judge Steven Hornstein.

According to the investigation, at 10:30 p.m. on October 20, 2017, DeJesus fired a gun into a group of people in the vicinity of 2693 Morris Avenue, missing his intended target but striking Deanna Seabrooks, Noel Cordero and Eric Valdez. At 2:15 a.m. on October 21, 2017, DeJesus was walking in St. Mary’s Park with Ciara Edwards, who had been at the scene of the shooting. According to the investigation, DeJesus feared she was “a weak link” and would bear witness against him, so he attacked her, causing serious injuries.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jessica-Deanna Lupo, Supervisor of Trial Bureau 70, under the supervision of Jeffrey Glucksman, Chief of Trial Bureau 70, and the overall supervision of Nicole Keary, Deputy Chief of the Trial Division.

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