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BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER Defendant Fired Several Times at Two Men; Kept Shooting As Victim Lay Wounded

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced to two consecutive prison terms totaling twenty years for firing multiple gunshots at two Bronx men, causing significant injuries.

District Attorney Clark said "The defendant nearly ended the life of two young men and callously stood over the injured body of one in order to get a closer shot. For this senseless crime, he will serve two decades behind bars."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Kelvin Busgith, 21, of 1769 Eastburn Avenue, was sentenced on March 3, 2017 by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Ralph Fabrizio to 14 years for Attempted Murder. The time will run consecutive to a six year sentence for first-degree Assault and will be followed by five years post-release supervision. Busgith was convicted by a jury on February 3, 2017 after a month-long trial. He was also sentenced to five years for second-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon, which will run concurrently.

According to trial testimony, on the evening of April 22, 2014, Busgith fired at Steffon Persad, 26, and Yogesh Lokhai, 27, while chasing them down Eastburn Avenue. After hitting Lokhai in the leg, Busgith stood over his fallen body and fired three more shots. He also shot Persad in the shoulder. Both victims survived their wounds.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Ann Lee of the Public Integrity Bureau and Omer Wiczyk, Deputy Chief of the Public Integrity Bureau, under the supervision of Wanda Perez-Maldonado, Chief of the Public Integrity Bureau, and under the overall supervision of Stuart Levy, Deputy Chief of the Investigations Division and Jean T. Walsh, Chief of the Investigations Division.