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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 23-YEARS-TO-LIFE
IN PRISON FOR MURDER IN 2011 SHOOTING
Defendant Also Fired at Man Trying to Grab Gun From Him**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced to 23-years-to-life in prison for second-degree Murder for fatally shooting a 29-year-old man in the Williamsbridge area of the Bronx and wounding another man who tried to stop the killing.

District Attorney Clark said "The defendant took the life of an innocent man, and tried to end the life of another man who, in a heroic moment, tried to stop the violence. For the defendant's callous act, he could spend his life behind bars."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Mark McDonald, 37, of East 227th Street, was sentenced on March 30, 2017 before Acting Bronx Supreme Court Justice Ethan Greenberg to 23-years-to life for second-degree Murder which will be followed by 5 years of post-release supervision. McDonald was convicted by a jury on Jan. 27, 2017 after a nearly month-long trial. He was also sentenced to 20 years for first-degree Assault and 15 years for second-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon, which will run concurrently.

According to trial testimony, on the night of Jan. 14, 2011 in Williamsbridge, McDonald fatally shot Angasha Sharras, 29, striking him in the head. McDonald also fired at Brian Wollery, 31, hitting him in the hand as he tried to wrestle the gun away from McDonald. Wollery survived his injuries.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney David Greenfield of the Homicide Bureau under the supervision of Christine Scaccia, 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 the BXDA Detective Investigators Squad, especially DI John Might and Office Associate Beryl Wright as well as members of the Video Unit.