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## **BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS FOR STABBING DEATH OF 63-YEAR-OLD NEIGHBOR**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced to 25 years for the killing of his neighbor, who died months after being stabbed in the back multiple times.

District Attorney Clark said “The defendant ruthlessly chased the victim, a man in his 60s who suffered from asthma and stabbed him outside his home, leaving him paralyzed. The victim fought for his life for months and we hope this sentence brings justice to his family.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Nando Hernandez, 50, of 898 Irvine St., was sentenced today before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Michael Gross to 25 years for first-degree Manslaughter followed by 5 years post-release supervision. Hernandez pleaded guilty on May 17, 2016. His sentencing was delayed due to his unsuccessful attempts to withdraw his plea.

According to the investigation, on August 11, 2014, Hernandez was involved in a confrontation with Alberto Zayas, 63. Both men lived in the same house but in separate rooms. Hernandez chased Zayas outside the Irvine St. house and stabbed him three times in the back. Zayas died as a result of his injuries eight months later.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Burim Namani 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.