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**MANHATTAN MAN INDICTED FOR MURDER FOR SHOOTING  
HIS CO-PLAINTIFF IN CIVIL LAWSUIT AGAINST NYPD DETECTIVES**  
**Defendant Allegedly Shot Victim in Bronx Public Housing Building**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Manhattan man has been indicted for Murder and related crimes for fatally shooting a 24-year-old Bronx man.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant stands charged with shooting a young man he knew, and then callously leaving the dying man to be found later by residents of the public housing building."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Salim Wilson, 25, of 131 West 135<sup>th</sup> Street, was indicted on second-degree Murder, first-degree Manslaughter and two counts of second-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon. He was arraigned today before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Steven Barrett and remanded. He is due back in court on January 5, 2018. If convicted of the top charge, he faces up to life in prison.

According to the investigation, on the night of August 29, 2017, Wilson fatally shot Julio Velasquez, 24, after an argument ensued on the eighth floor hallway of a building in the McKinley Houses in Morrisania. Velasquez was found with a gunshot wound to his chest and later died at Lincoln Medical Center. The defendant and the victim had filed a civil lawsuit against two 42<sup>nd</sup> Precinct detectives alleging they had been falsely arrested in 2014 for a homicide case which was eventually dismissed after a witness recanted.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Rachel Kalman of the Homicide Bureau under the supervision of Christine Scaccia, Chief of the Homicide Bureau and under the overall supervision of Nicole Keary, Deputy Division Chief of the Trial Division and Jeremy Shockett, Chief of the Trial Division. District Attorney Clark thanked Detectives Matthew Crosson of the Bronx Homicide Squad and Frank Hernandez of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Precinct Detective Squad for their assistance.

**An indictment is an accusatory instrument and not proof of a defendant's guilt.**