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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS IN PRISON FOR FATALLY SHOOTING
14-YEAR-OLD BOY ON HIS WAY TO SCHOOL
Defendant Pleaded Guilty to Manslaughter**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced to 25 years in prison for killing a teenage boy.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant ambushed and shot a 14-year-old, firing multiple times and then running away. For this senseless crime, he will spend 25 years behind bars. We will continue to pursue anyone who spreads fear through gun violence in the Bronx."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Travis Bloch, 31, of 3463 Third Ave., was sentenced on Feb. 28, 2018 to 25 years in prison followed by 5 years of post-release supervision by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Steven Barrett. Bloch pleaded guilty to first-degree Manslaughter on January 18, 2018. A co-defendant, Jeremiah Thomas, who also pleaded guilty to first-degree Manslaughter, was sentenced to 17 years in prison on Feb. 15, 2018.

According to the investigation, on the morning of May 22, 2015, outside a building at 1181 Sheridan Avenue, the defendant repeatedly shot Christopher Duran, 14, as he was heading to school, causing his death.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Christine Scaccia, Chief of the Homicide Bureau, under the overall supervision of Nicole Keary, Deputy Chief of the Trial Division.

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