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**BRONX MAN ON PAROLE SENTENCED TO 18 YEARS TO LIFE IN PRISON
FOR SAVAGELY BEATING BRONX FATHER OF SIX
Defendant Pleaded Guilty to Second-Degree Murder**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced to 18 years to life in prison for the unprovoked, fatal beating of a man inside an apartment building in Melrose.

District Attorney Clark said, "In a senseless, horrific act, the defendant beat a Bronx father of six to death. Our community lost a hard-working man who was providing for his family while taking college classes."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Junal Jordan, 43, was sentenced today by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Martin Marcus to 18 years to life in prison. The defendant pleaded guilty to second-degree Murder on November 13, 2019, as his trial commenced.

According to the investigation, on February 2, 2017, Jordan, who was on parole for Robbery, was visiting his sister in a building at 601 East 156 Street. Jordan was shadowboxing near the building's elevator when he came upon Bakary Darboe, 46, who lived in the building and was on his way to a college class. The defendant grabbed the victim, and repeatedly punched him. Jordan put him in a chokehold and hit him in the head multiple times with a cell phone. The incident was captured on surveillance video.

The victim was pronounced dead at the scene. An autopsy report showed he died of blunt impact injuries to the head and compression of the neck.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Burim Namani, Counsel in the Homicide Bureau, under the supervision of Christine Scaccia, Chief of the Homicide Bureau, and under the overall supervision of James Brennan, Deputy Chief of the Trial Division, and Theresa Gottlieb, Chief of the Trial Division. District Attorney Clark thanked Detective Jose Santiago, of Joint Terrorism Task Force, formerly of the 40th Precinct, and Detective Patrick Flatley of Bronx Homicide for their assistance in the investigation.

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