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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS TO LIFE IN PRISON  
FOR FATALLY SHOOTING EX-GIRLFRIEND'S NEW BOYFRIEND  
Defendant Pleaded Guilty to Second-Degree Murder**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced to 15 years to life in prison after pleading guilty to killing his ex-girlfriend's new boyfriend.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant entered his ex-girlfriend's home through the bedroom window and shot the victim, who was trying to help the woman escape. As the victim lay on the floor, the defendant shot him again in the head. I hope the victim's family and the witness to this horrific crime will have a measure of justice with this prison sentence."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Angel Freitas, 29, of 2020 Grand Avenue, was sentenced today to 15 years to life in prison by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Steven Hornstein. The defendant pleaded guilty to second-degree Murder on November 14, 2019.

According to the investigation, at about 9 p.m. on June 20, 2018, the defendant entered the fourth-floor apartment where his ex-girlfriend lived, at 1801 University Avenue, through the bedroom window. Inside the bedroom he saw the victim, Lennin Taveras, 30, with the woman, and demanded to know why she brought a man into the house. The victim urged his girlfriend to run and Freitas shot him multiple times, including once in the chest and one shot to the temple. The victim was pronounced dead at the scene. After Freitas shot Taveras he forced his ex-girlfriend to come with him to 2020 Grand Avenue, where the defendant was staying with his family members. The defendant then fled, and she called 911. The defendant turned himself in to authorities on July 6, 2018.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Edward Purce of 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 Stephanie Cepeda of the 46<sup>th</sup> Precinct and Detective Sean Butler of Bronx Homicide for their assistance in the investigation.