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BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 16 YEARS IN PRISON FOR FATALLY SHOOTING GIRLFRIEND; INFANT THEY SHARED WAS LEFT ALONE IN APARTMENT WITH VICTIM FOR HOURS

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced to 16 years in prison for fatally shooting the mother of his child in their apartment in 2016.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant heartlessly shot and killed the mother of his child and fled the apartment, leaving their infant daughter alone. I hope today's sentence brings some peace to the victim's family."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Sheldon Salman, 37, of 3914 White Plains Road, was sentenced today to 16 years in prison and 5 years post-release supervision by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Fernando Camacho. The defendant pleaded guilty to first-degree Manslaughter on January 22, 2019.

According to the investigation, in the early morning of June 15, 2016, inside 3914 White Plains Road, the defendant shot Sarisse Respass, 32, once in the mouth, causing her death. The defendant shot her because he believed she was pregnant and that she was going to move out of the apartment.

After the shooting, police were called and they found the baby inside the apartment, while the deceased victim was in her bedroom with blood coming out of her mouth. The defendant was arrested later that day.

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 James Brennan, Deputy Chief of the Trial Division, and Theresa Gottlieb, Chief of the Trial Division. District Attorney Clark thanked Detective Ernest Drovil of Bronx Homicide and Detective Robert Konner of the 47th Precinct.

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