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STATEN ISLAND MAN SENTENCED TO 13 YEARS IN PRISON FOR FATAL BRONX SHOOTING Defendant Pleaded Guilty to Manslaughter

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Staten Island man has been sentenced to 13 years in prison for fatally shooting a Bronx man in the Butler Houses in October 2017.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant and the victim were involved in an altercation, and the defendant later came back with a gun and killed the victim. We will not tolerate using firearms to settle disputes."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Kevin Pettiway, 29, of 97 Laurel Avenue, Staten Island, was sentenced today to 13 years in prison and 5 years post-release supervision by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Steven Hornstein. The defendant pleaded guilty to first-degree Manslaughter on February 22, 2019.

According to the investigation, on the night of October 13, 2017, in front of the Butler Houses located at 1330 Webster Avenue, the defendant shot Jayquan Smalls, 24, causing his death. Earlier that day, Pettiway and Smalls had been arguing and the victim had beaten up the defendant inside the Butler Houses.

The victim was taken to St. Barnabas Hospital where he later died. The defendant was taken into custody on November 9, 2017.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney John Miras, Homicide Counsel, 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 NYPD Detective Sasha Brugal of the 42nd Precinct and retired NYPD Detective Sean O'Leary of Bronx Homicide.