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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 23 YEARS TO LIFE IN PRISON
FOR FATAL 2015 SHOOTING
Jury Found Defendant Guilty of Second-Degree Murder**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced to 23 years to life in prison for fatally shooting a man in 2015.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant –who did not know the victim– shot and killed him just because a few words were exchanged. The defendant will now spend many years behind bars for this senseless violence."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Erin Hall, 42, of 1950 Andrews Avenue was sentenced today to 23 years to life in prison for second-degree Murder and 15 years in prison for second-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon, to run concurrently, and five years post-release supervision by Bronx Supreme Court Justice James McCarty. A jury found the defendant guilty on March 5, 2019.

According to the investigation, on the night of April 15, 2015, at 2260 Washington Avenue, the victim, Felix de la Cruz Jr., 23, was standing in front of the location with a group of friends when the defendant approached and exchanged words with him. Hall, who is a member of the Bloods' Sex, Money, Murder set, walked away and returned with a gun drawn. After exchanging words again, Hall fired a shot at de la Cruz and missed. He then moved closer and shot de la Cruz in the back of his head. The victim died of his wound the following day.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Orville Reynolds, Supervisor in Trial Bureau 60, and Assistant District Attorney Joshua Zarcone, also of Trial Bureau 60, under the supervision of Susanna Imbo, Chief of Trial Bureau 60, and 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 Nidia Richardson, Trial Preparation Assistant in Trial Bureau 60. District Attorney Clark also thanked NYPD Detective Joseph Bermudez of the 48th Precinct, and Detective Daniel Fox of the NYPD Auto Crime Division.