



[www.bronxda.nyc.gov](http://www.bronxda.nyc.gov)  
[www.facebook.com/BronxDistrictAttorney](https://www.facebook.com/BronxDistrictAttorney)  
[www.twitter.com/BronxDAClark](https://www.twitter.com/BronxDAClark)

**DARCEL D. CLARK**  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY, BRONX COUNTY

198 EAST 161ST STREET  
BRONX, N.Y. 10451  
(718) 590-2234

**52-2019**  
**For Immediate Release**  
**May 31, 2019**

**BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS IN PRISON FOR  
STABBING EX-GIRLFRIEND'S SON WHILE HE SLEPT  
Defendant Pleaded Guilty to Attempted Murder**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced to 10 years in prison for stabbing a 22-year-old man in 2018, leaving him with life-altering injuries.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant entered the victim's apartment through a window as he was sleeping in bed, and stabbed him multiple times over a previous fight. Thankfully the victim survived the vicious attack and has gone on with his life."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Roberto Ortiz, 48, of 4627 Park Avenue, was sentenced today by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Steven Hornstein to 10 years in prison and 5 years post-release supervision. The defendant pleaded guilty to Attempted Murder in the second degree on May 3, 2019.

According to the investigation, on the morning of July 26, 2018, the defendant climbed the fire escape of a building in the Williamsbridge section of the Bronx, entered an apartment and stabbed Cory Smith, 22, multiple times in the neck, head, and torso with kitchen knives. Ortiz then dragged Smith out of the apartment and bashed his head against the walls as he forced him downstairs, leaving the hallway and stairway splattered with the victim's blood.

Smith, begging for help along the way, got outside and made his way into a neighboring building where someone called 911. First responding police officers applied pressure to the victim's neck wound, saving his life. The defendant attempted to flee by re-entering the victim's apartment and jumping off a fire escape. He landed on his head behind the building, where police found him.

A month before the stabbing, the victim accused the defendant of stealing a friend's wallet and they had physical altercation, which resulted in Smith's mother ending her relationship with

**(MORE)**



[www.bronxda.nyc.gov](http://www.bronxda.nyc.gov)  
[www.facebook.com/BronxDistrictAttorney](https://www.facebook.com/BronxDistrictAttorney)  
[www.twitter.com/BronxDAClark](https://www.twitter.com/BronxDAClark)

**DARCEL D. CLARK**  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY, BRONX COUNTY

198 EAST 161ST STREET  
BRONX, N.Y. 10451  
(718) 590-2234

Ortiz.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Olivia Orlando of Trial Bureau 70 under the supervision of Jessica Lupo, Deputy Chief of Trial Bureau 70, and Jeffrey Glucksman, Chief of Trial Bureau 70, 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 Assistant District Attorney Diane Gatto of the Grand Jury Unit and DV Victim Advocate Kailey Wilk of the Crime Victims Assistance Unit. District Attorney Clark also thanked NYPD Police Officers Ryan Duffany and Kyron de la Rosa, who first responded to the scene, and Detective Abraham Villavizar, all of the 47<sup>th</sup> Precinct.

#