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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS IN PRISON FOR
SHOOTING INTO EX-GIRLFRIEND'S APARTMENT
Jury Found Defendant Guilty of Attempted Murder**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced to 15 years in prison for shooting into his ex-girlfriend's apartment door while a party went on inside.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant endangered the lives of a dozen people who were inside the apartment enjoying a game night party when he began firing shots into the door. Thankfully no one was hit by a bullet during the defendant's reckless gun violence."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Raymond Clarida, 38, of 891 Fox Street, was sentenced today by Bronx Supreme Court Justice David Lewis to 15 years in prison and 5 years post-release supervision. A jury found the defendant guilty of Attempted Murder in the second degree and second-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon on March 25, 2019.

According to the investigation, on November 26, 2017, at 891 Fox Street, the defendant, during a fit of jealousy, went to the apartment he had shared with his ex-girlfriend, armed with a .9mm pistol with a laser attached to it, as well as black latex gloves. Clarida fired three shots into the door, knowing there were more than ten people inside, with two of them directly behind the door. The gun jammed after the three shots.

Before the shooting, on November 24, 2017, the defendant physically assaulted his ex-girlfriend, Shameka Smalls, and on November 25, 2017, when he returned to pick up his belongings, the defendant had a dispute with Smalls and Taalib Timothy, threatening that he would be back.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Elizabeth Kamens and Meghan O'Malley of Trial Bureau 50, under the supervision Lawrence Piergrossi, Chief of Trial Bureau 50, and the overall supervision of James Brennan, Deputy Chief of the Trial Division, and Theresa Gottlieb, Chief of the Trial Division.

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District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Sergeant Kathryn Hennessey, formerly of the 44th Precinct and NYPD Police Officer Christopher Indovino, of the 41st precinct, for their assistance in the investigation.

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