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**BRONX LANDLORD SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS IN PRISON FOR
STABBING TENANT TO DEATH
Defendant Pleaded Guilty to Manslaughter**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx landlord has been sentenced to 10 years in prison for fatally stabbing a tenant in 2017.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant repeatedly stabbed the victim over unpaid rent. Then the defendant, with blood on his clothes, walked into the 45th Precinct stationhouse and told Police Officers he had stabbed someone."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Taha Mahran, 54, of 1001 Logan Avenue, was sentenced today by Bronx Supreme Court Justice James McCarty to 10 years in prison and 5 years post-release supervision. The defendant pleaded guilty to first-degree Manslaughter on May 31, 2019 after accepting a 10-year sentence offer from the judge, rather than the 13-year offer from the Bronx District Attorney's Office. The second-degree Murder charge was dismissed after an expert obtained by the People concluded that the defendant's Extreme Emotional Distress defense was valid.

According to the investigation, on February 22, 2017, at 1001 Logan Avenue, the defendant caused the death of Zakir Khan, 44, a tenant that lived in an apartment located in Mahran's multi-family home. On the day of the incident, Mahran and Khan were arguing about an ongoing dispute over months of unpaid rent the victim owed the defendant. Mahran stabbed Khan multiple times in the torso and neck with a knife, leaving him with 29 wounds. The incident happened in front of the victim's 11-year-old child. The victim was pronounced dead at Jacobi Medical Center shortly after the stabbing.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Schordine, Supervisor in Trial Bureau 60, under the supervision of Christine Scaccia, Chief of the Homicide Bureau, and under 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 former Homicide Bureau Assistant District Attorney Leah Takantzas and NYPD Detective Robert Klein of Bronx Homicide Task Force for their assistance in the investigation.