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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 45 YEARS TO LIFE IN PRISON  
FOR FATALLY SHOOTING A MAN AND WOUNDING ANOTHER  
Jury Convicted Defendant in 2017 Shooting**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced to 45 years to life in prison after a jury convicted him for second-degree Murder, Attempted Murder in the second degree, and second-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the shooting of two men in 2017.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant caused the death of a young man and shot the surviving victim in the face and chest. I hope the jury's verdict, and this prison sentence, send a clear message that we will not tolerate gun violence."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Divine Fredericks, 29, of 525 Rosedale Avenue, was sentenced today to 45 years to life in prison by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Margaret Clancy. He was sentenced to 25 years to life in prison for second-degree Murder, 20 years to life in prison for the Attempted Murder charge, to be served consecutively, and 16 years to life in prison for the Criminal Possession of Weapon charge, to be served concurrently. He was found guilty by a jury on June 13, 2019.

According to the investigation, about 4 a.m. on July 1, 2017, inside an SUV on Commonwealth Avenue, the defendant shot Tyreek Simmons in the back of the head, causing his death, and shot Tyric Butler in the face. The defendant then fired shots into the vehicle, striking Butler in the chest. The defendant then fled to Georgia and was arrested approximately a month after the incident.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Orville Reynolds, Supervisor in Trial Bureau 60, and Assistant District Attorney Sarah L. Clements of the Public Integrity Bureau, 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.



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