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BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS TO LIFE IN PRISON FOR MURDER OF MAN AFTER PETTY ARGUMENT

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced to 25 years to life in prison for the 2016 fatal shooting of a 33-year-old man.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant shot and killed the victim after a petty argument. I hope today's sentence brings some justice to the victim's family for this senseless murder."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Luis Chacon, 39, of 1764 Weeks Avenue, was sentenced today to 25 years to life in prison by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Martin Marcus. Chacon was convicted by a jury of second-degree Murder on October 31, 2018.

According to the investigation, on July 25, 2016, in front of 1775 Weeks Avenue, the defendant caused the death of Beremy Garcia by shooting him multiple times in the back and head. The defendant used a .357 magnum revolver to shoot the victim. After the shooting, Chacon hid the weapon inside the wheel well of a parked car and fled. He was apprehended nearly three months after the incident in Orlando, Florida.

Surveillance cameras from a nearby grocery store captured the shooting incident on video and showed Chacon, who has distinctive tattoos on his torso, and he was identified as the shooter. Bullets recovered from the victim were matched to the murder weapon by detectives from the NYPD Firearms Analysis Section.

According to the investigation, Garcia and Chacon were arguing and the defendant left and returned with a gun, shooting at Garcia because he said the victim had disrespected him. Chacon also fired a shot that struck an innocent bystander, Yajaira Duverge, 37, causing her death. The defendant was acquitted of Manslaughter for Duverge's death.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Eric Hirsch, Homicide Counsel, under the supervision of Christine Scaccia, Chief of the Homicide Bureau, and the overall



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supervision of James Brennan, Deputy Chief of the Trial Division, and Theresa Gottlieb, Chief of the Trial Division.

District Attorney Clark thanked Detectives Michael Fassert and Orlando Colon of the 46th Precinct Detectives Squad, as well as Detectives Keith Walker and Sean Butler of the Bronx Homicide Task Force.

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