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MAN SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS TO LIFE IN PRISON FOR FATALLY SHOOTING MAN IN FRONT OF SCHOOL IN 2014 Jury Convicted Defendant of Second-Degree Murder, Criminal Possession of Weapon

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a man has been sentenced to 25 years to life in prison for the execution-style shooting of a man outside an elementary school.

District Attorney Clark said, "First the defendant shot the victim, a father of three children, in the back and then stood over the victim and shot him two more times in the head. This atrocious violence happened on the street in front of a school at 9 a.m. I hope the victim's family will have a measure of justice with this prison sentence."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Dwayne Reid, 48, of Larchmont, New York, was sentenced today to 25 years to life in prison by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Steven Barrett. The defendant received a sentence of 25 years to life for second-degree Murder and 10 years in prison and five years post-release supervision for second-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon, sentences to run concurrently. He was convicted on December 13, 2019 after a jury trial.

According to trial testimony, on the morning of May 21, 2014, the defendant shot Lamont Smith, 45, three times, causing his death. A day before the incident, Reid, who was acquainted with the victim, helped the victim move equipment for his business using a U-Haul van. The next morning Reid shot Smith with a .38-caliber revolver on E. 229th Street and fled in the U-Haul van. He was arrested later that morning at his mother's home a short distance away. The murder weapon was recovered at the mother's home.

It is not known why the defendant shot the victim. There were a series of phone calls from the defendant to the victim, starting at about 5 a.m. on the day of the incident.

The defendant declared himself a sovereign citizen and rejected the Court's authority to conduct his trial. He was assigned five different lawyers, which caused the trial to be delayed numerous times.

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The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Timothy Lynch, Supervisor in Trial Bureau 40, and Assistant District Attorney Rachel Taverna of Trial Bureau 40, under the supervision of Catherine Davis, Chief of Trial Bureau 40, and 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.

District Attorney Clark thanked Case Aide Orlanlly Castillo of Trial Bureau 40 for her assistance in the case. District Attorney Clark also thanked NYPD Detectives Kristian Flood of the 47th Precinct Squad, Robert Salerno formerly of the 47th Precinct Squad and currently with the Police Commissioner's Detail, and Javier Aponte of the Bronx Narcotics Overdose Unit for their assistance in the investigation and the apprehension of the defendant.