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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 18 YEARS IN PRISON FOR
FATALLY SHOOTING AND STABBING COUSIN IN 2011
Defendant Pleaded Guilty to First-Degree Manslaughter**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced to 18 years in prison after pleading guilty to first-degree Manslaughter in the 2011 death of his cousin.

District Attorney Clark said, “The defendant cold-heartedly killed his own cousin, shooting and stabbing him multiple times. Almost a decade has passed since he ended his cousin’s life in such a horrifying way, but we never gave up on getting justice for the victim and his family.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Alexander Arriola, 40, last of 1243 Boynton Avenue, was sentenced today to 18 years in prison and five years’ post-release supervision by Bronx Supreme Court Justice James McCarty. The defendant pleaded guilty to first-degree Manslaughter on March 4, 2021.

According to the investigation, on the evening of July 3, 2011, at 676 St. Mary’s Street, the defendant went to the home of Brian Arriola, 31, and both exchanged words. The defendant shot the victim in the chest and arm and stabbed him 10 times in the neck, head and torso. The defendant fled the scene and the victim was discovered dead on the floor by his mother minutes after.

Arriola was arrested on July 4, 2011, however the trial was delayed for years because he was found mentally unfit numerous times. He was found fit to proceed in this matter and was returned on April 22, 2020 for trial.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Susanna Imbo, Chief of Trial Bureau 60, under the supervision of James Brennan, Deputy Chief of the Trial Division, and Theresa Gottlieb, Chief of the Trial Division.

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