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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 16 YEARS IN PRISON FOR FATALLY
BEATING TWO-YEAR-OLD BOY
Defendant Pleaded Guilty to First-Degree Manslaughter**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced to 16 years in prison for brutally beating a two-year-old boy in 2018, causing his death.

District Attorney Clark said, “The defendant mercilessly beat an innocent two-year-old child named Messiah Allen, causing fatal injuries. The defendant, who was the boyfriend of the child’s mother, attacked him while she was at her job. I hope today’s sentence brings some sense of closure to the family of Messiah. The child’s life was cut short in such a cruel manner.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Kenneth Lynch, 39, last of 1725 Bruckner Boulevard, was sentenced today to 16 years in prison and five years post-release supervision by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Jeanette Rodriguez-Morak. The defendant pleaded guilty to first-degree Manslaughter on May 20, 2021.

According to the investigation, on May 24, 2018, Lynch, who was living with his then-girlfriend and her two-year-old son, Messiah, was with the child alone in the apartment as the child’s mother worked in Manhattan. During that time, the defendant inflicted multiple blunt force injuries to the child’s body. Blows to the boy’s torso led to a transected liver, which caused his death. The defendant called 911 and the child was transported to Jacobi Medical Center where he was pronounced dead.

The case was prosecuted by Danielle Pascale, Deputy Bureau Chief of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau, and Assistant District Attorney Johnathan Vega of the Human Trafficking Unit, under the supervision of Rachel Ferrari, Chief of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau, and under the overall supervision of Joseph Muroff, Chief of the Special Victims Division. District Attorney Clark thanked Advocate Ana Pimentel of the Crime Victims Assistance Unit, NYPD Detective Austin Denio of the 43rd Precinct, NYPD Detective Christine Reyes of the Bronx Homicide Squad (retired), and FDNY Firefighter Matthew Bland.