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BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 22 YEARS TO LIFE IN PRISON FOR A FATAL SHOOTING IN 2018

Jury Found Defendant Guilty of Murder and Criminal Possession of a Weapon

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced the conviction and sentence of 22 years to life in prison after a jury found defendant guilty of Murder and possession of a weapon for shooting a man multiple times on a Bronx street in 2018.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant approached the victim from behind and shot him. When the victim fell to the ground, the defendant continued firing at close range six more times. He has been sentenced to 22 years to life in prison for this murder."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Akeem Samuel, 32, last of 2280 Andrews Avenue, was sentenced yesterday to 22 years to life in prison for the second-degree Murder charge, along with eight years in prison and five years' post-release supervision for the second-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon charge by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Steven Barrett. The sentences will run concurrently. A jury found the defendant guilty of the charges on October 27, 2021.

According to the investigation, on the evening of July 31, 2018, the victim, Frederick Hayes, 27, was walking near 2222 Andrews Avenue when the defendant approached him from behind. An eyewitness to the crime testified in court that Samuel went up to the victim, shot him, and when Hayes fell to the floor, the defendant fired again at close range. The victim was shot three times in the back, three times behind the ear, and once in the arm. He was pronounced dead at the scene. The defendant fled the scene and was arrested on December 11, 2018.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney John Miras, Counsel in the Homicide Bureau, and Assistant District Attorney Aaron Novy of Trial Bureau 30, under the supervision of 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.

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District Attorney Clark thanked Intelligence Analyst Daniel Walker and Principal Intelligence Analyst Theresa Ramos, both of the Crime Strategies Bureau, for their assistance in the investigation. District Attorney Clark also thanked NYPD Detective John McGivney of the 52nd Precinct and NYPD Detective Sean Butler of the Bronx Homicide Squad.