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## TRINITARIOS GANG MEMBER PLEADS GUILTY TO FATAL STABBING OF LESANDRO "JUNIOR" GUZMAN-FELIZ Defendant Pleaded Guilty to First-Degree Manslaughter He Is the Last of Remaining Defendants to Plead Guilty

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a member of the "Los Sures" set of the Trinitarios gang has pleaded guilty to first-degree Manslaughter for his role in the June 20, 2018 fatal stabbing of Lesandro "Junior" Guzman-Feliz, the last of the defendants convicted in the killing.

District Attorney Clark said, "This is the last of 13 defendants who had a role in the death of Lesandro 'Junior' Guzman-Feliz to be held accountable. Although the defendant did not stab the victim, his actions led to the horrifying death of the innocent teen. He and the other five defendants who already pleaded guilty to Manslaughter will be sentenced to prison terms ranging from 12-18 years in January 2023. This brings an end to the case, but will never bring closure for Junior's grieving family."

District Attorney Clark said Danel Fernandez, 25, pleaded guilty to first-degree Manslaughter today before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Ralph Fabrizio. He will be sentenced to 18 years in prison and five years of post-release supervision on January 13, 2023.

According to the investigation, on the night of June 20, 2018, Fernandez and the other codefendants, under the direction of leaders of the "Los Sures" set of the Trinitarios gang, Diego Suero and Frederick Then, conspired to commit violence against the "Sunset" Trinitarios members. The defendants came upon Junior and chased him to a bodega located on East 183<sup>rd</sup> Street and Bathgate Avenue. Fernandez and five others punched and dragged Junior out of the store, where five others hacked him with knives and a machete.

The five co-defendants who stabbed Junior were convicted of Murder and sentenced in 2019. Suero and Then were sentenced in September 2022 for orchestrating the attack. the remaining defendants pleaded guilty to first-degree Manslaughter last month.



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The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Morgan Dolan, Counsel in the Homicide Bureau, 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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