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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 19 YEARS IN PRISON
FOR FATAL SHOOTING MAN IN WILLIAMSBRIDGE BARBERSHOP
Defendant Pleaded Guilty to First-Degree Manslaughter**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced to 19 years in prison after pleading guilty to first-degree Manslaughter for fatally shooting a man in a barbershop in Williamsbridge in 2018.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant went inside a barbershop and shot the victim, whom he knew, multiple times. The defendant pleaded guilty to first-degree Manslaughter and will spend 19 years in prison for the fatal shooting."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Trafarrah Smith, AKA Tyson, 38, last of 4004 Bronx Boulevard, was sentenced today to 19 years in prison and five years of post-release supervision by Bronx Supreme Court Justice James McCarty. The defendant pleaded guilty to first-degree Manslaughter on January 21, 2022.

According to the investigation, on April 17, 2018 at approximately 8:00 p.m., the defendant went up to Kevin Higgins, 40, inside the Ambience Unisex Salon on 3836 White Plains Road. Smith took out a gun and shot Higgins multiple times, striking him in the torso and leg. At some point during the incident, the victim and defendant struggled over the gun and the defendant sustained a gunshot wound to the leg. Smith fled from the barbershop and was arrested across the street from where the incident happened shortly after. Police Officers recovered a revolver on the ground near where the defendant was apprehended. The victim made his way out of the barbershop and collapsed on the street. He was taken to Montefiore Medical Center where he was pronounced dead.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Orville Reynolds, 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. District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Detective Patrick Sullivan of the Bronx Homicide Task Force for his assistance in the investigation.

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