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**NEW ROCHELLE MAN INDICTED IN FATAL SHOOTING OF MAN  
DURING MELEE OUTSIDE BABY SHOWER  
Defendant Allegedly Shot Victim After Victim Shot His Brother**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a New Rochelle man has been indicted for second-degree Murder and additional charges for fatally shooting a man during a bloody melee which also left the defendant's brother dead.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant and several other men were involved in an argument during a baby shower and took the dispute outside, where the defendant allegedly shot and killed a man while another stabbed him. The victim had fatally shot the defendant's brother during the incident. The violent scene was captured on video."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Wayne Smith, 28, of New Rochelle, NY, was arraigned today on second-degree Murder, first-degree Manslaughter, first-degree Gang Assault, two counts of second-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon, and Criminal Possession of a Firearm before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Steven Barrett. The defendant was remanded, and he is due back in court on March 16, 2022.

According to the investigation, on February 12, 2022 at approximately 10:45 p.m., the defendant, his brother, and several other men, including the deceased, Arnold Oliver, 24, were involved in a dispute while attending a baby shower near 393 East 198<sup>th</sup> Street in the Fordham section. They stepped outside of the party and began fighting. The men assaulted Oliver, who took out a gun and shot at them, striking Smith's brother. An unapprehended individual allegedly stabbed Oliver multiple times in the head and neck, and Smith took the gun from Oliver and allegedly shot him at least once in the head. Smith then allegedly repeatedly stomped and kicked Oliver as he lay on the ground. Police arrived at the scene and saw Smith with the gun in his hand, kicking Oliver, and arrested him. Oliver was taken to St. Barnabas Hospital where he was pronounced dead upon arrival.

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The investigation is ongoing.

The case is being 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 Shaniqua Carr, Director of Professional Staff, Trial Division; and Trial Preparation Assistant Taylor Erklenz of the Homicide Bureau for their assistance with the case.

District Attorney Clark also thanked NYPD Detectives Fairoze Edoo of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Precinct Squad and Patrick Flatley of Bronx Homicide for their work on the investigation.

**An indictment is an accusatory instrument and not proof of a defendant's guilt.**

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