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**MANHATTAN MAN SENTENCED TO 40 YEARS TO LIFE IN PRISON  
FOR FATAL 2015 SHOOTING  
Jury Convicted Defendant of Murder**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Manhattan man has been sentenced to 40 years in prison for the 2015 shooting death of a man in Melrose.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant approached the victim from behind and shot him twice in the head. He fled the scene and was caught months later. If you shoot someone in the Bronx, you will be held accountable. He faces many years in prison for taking a life."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Unique Woodfin, 43, last of 2660 Frederick Douglass Boulevard, Manhattan, was sentenced on April 11, 2022 by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Ralph Fabrizio to 22 years to life in prison on second-degree Murder and 18 years to life on second-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon, both sentences to run consecutively.

The defendant was convicted after a jury trial.

According to the investigation, on July 23, 2015 at approximately 8:40 a.m. at 650 Westchester Avenue, the defendant fired two gunshots at Luis Garcia, 40, striking him in the head. It was determined that Florencio Pinos, who was a co-defendant in the case before he passed away from illness in 2017, had a dispute with Garcia a month earlier, which included Garcia menacing Pinos with a gun and stealing his vehicle.

The case was prosecuted by Susanna Imbo, Chief of Trial Bureau 60, and former Assistant District Attorney Karl Miller of 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 Assistant District Attorney Joshua Weiss of the Appeals Bureau and BXDA Detective Investigator John Reilly.

District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Detective Javish Ortiz of the 40<sup>th</sup> Precinct and Detective Peter Cullen, now of the NYPD Safe Streets Task Force.