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**MANHATTAN MAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS IN PRISON FOR SHOOTING THAT
WOUNDED A MAN AND SENT TWO CHILDREN RUNNING FOR THEIR LIVES
Viral Video Showed Young Siblings Cowering in Fear**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that an alleged gang member from Manhattan has been sentenced to 15 years in prison for Attempted Murder in the second-degree for shooting at a Bronx man as two children struggled to get away on a Mount Eden street in broad daylight.

District Attorney Clark said, “A 13-year-old girl and her five-year-old brother were caught in a hail of bullets when the defendant fired a dozen shots at a Bronx man. Now, the defendant will pay the consequences for his intentions to kill and his blatant disregard for the lives of the children he endangered. They still suffer trauma from that horrific day.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Michael Lopez, 28, last of 1430 Amsterdam Avenue, Manhattan, was sentenced today to 15 years in prison and five years of post-release supervision, with a waiver of right to appeal, by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Ralph Fabrizio. The defendant pleaded guilty to Attempted Murder in the second degree on January 28, 2022.

According to the investigation, at 4:43 p.m. on June 17, 2021 near 1551 Sheridan Avenue, the defendant got off a scooter and chased a 24-year-old man up the block, firing at least 12 shots at him. Video shows Lopez’s target running into a 13-year-old girl and her five-year-old brother, knocking them to the ground. The defendant continued to fire shots at the man at close range next to the children as the girl shielded her brother.

The victim was struck once in the back and once in each leg. He sustained nerve damage and is still unable to walk. The children and other innocent bystanders were not injured, but the children still suffer from trauma. During his guilty plea, the defendant admitted he had a firearm and shot the man with the intent to kill him that day.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Trial Assistant District Attorney Janene Carter of Trial
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Bureau 30, under the supervision of Julie Deleon, Chief of Trial Bureau 30, 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 Krystal Palmers and Assistant District Attorney John Longo, both of Trial Bureau 30, Trial Preparation Assistants Xavier Rogers and Natalie Sims, both of Trial Bureau 30; Digital Forensic Examiner Ashley Hinkson, Intelligence Analyst Daniel Walker of the Crime Strategies Bureau, and Christine Scaccia, Chief of the Homicide Bureau, for their assistance.

District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Detective Curtis Cato of the 44th Precinct for his work in the investigation.

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