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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 19 YEARS IN PRISON  
FOR FATALLY STABBING MAN IN BODEGA  
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 stabbing a man inside a Morris Avenue bodega in 2017.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant stabbed a man inside a Claremont Village bodega in the middle of the day, in front of innocent bystanders. These despicable violent acts have no place in our communities. The defendant was sentenced today to 19 years in prison for the fatal stabbing."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Shondell Younger, 28, last of 3207 Park Avenue, was sentenced today to 19 years in prison and five years of post-release supervision by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Ralph Fabrizio. The defendant pleaded guilty to first-degree Manslaughter on February 22, 2022.

According to the investigation, on June 29, 2017 at 12:38 p.m., Younger and the victim, Joshua Simpson, 22, along with other men, were involved in a dispute after one of the victim's friends assaulted Younger several minutes before. Younger and two other men returned looking for Simpson and his friends, then chased the victim and cornered him inside a bodega located on 1224 Morris Avenue. The defendant, acting in concert with others, stabbed Simpson twice in the back and once in the shoulder. He was taken to Lincoln Medical Center where he was pronounced dead shortly after. The defendant fled to Pennsylvania and was apprehended on July 18, 2018.

A second defendant, Leeford Wilson, pleaded guilty to first-degree Gang Assault for his role in the incident. He was sentenced to five years in prison by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Marcus Martin on October 27, 2020.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Burim Namani, Counsel in the Homicide Bureau, under the supervision of Christine Scaccia, Chief of the Homicide Bureau, and



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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 Detective Javier Fernandez of the Joint Terrorist Task Force and NYPD Detective Robert Klein of Bronx Homicide.

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