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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 19 YEARS IN PRISON FOR FATALLY STABBING
CUSTOMER 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 customer inside his father's bodega in 2019.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant was working in his father's bodega when he stabbed the victim multiple times, without provocation. Now he will spend 19 years in prison for this crime."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Ronny Torres, 28, last of 163 East 178th Street, was sentenced today to 19 years in prison and five years of post-release supervision by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Margaret Clancy. The defendant pleaded guilty to first-degree Manslaughter on May 23, 2022.

According to the investigation, on October 24, 2019 at approximately 1:00 p.m., Torres was working inside his father's bodega located on 950 Longwood Avenue when the victim, Frankie Williams, 37, a known customer, went in. Without provocation, the defendant stabbed Williams multiple times in the stomach and chest. Williams was taken to Lincoln Medical Center where he was pronounced dead shortly after. The defendant turned himself in to authorities later that day. The incident was captured on surveillance video.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Timothy Collins 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 NYPD Detective Patrick Sullivan of the Bronx Homicide Squad and NYPD Detective Darrin Smalls of the 41st Precinct for their assistance in the investigation.

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