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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 21 YEARS IN PRISON FOR FATAL SHOOTING
OF MAN AFTER DISPUTE**
Defendant Pleaded Guilty to First-Degree Manslaughter

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced to 21 years in prison for fatally shooting a man at the entrance of an apartment building after a dispute.

District Attorney Clark said, “The defendant initially got into a fight with a group of people. After they dispersed, he went to a building where the opposing group retreated to and opened fire. He shot the victim—who was not part of the fight—four times, killing him and putting all surrounding neighbors at risk.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Tujuan Ford, 25, last of 654 Beck Street, was sentenced today to 21 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 September 14, 2022.

According to the investigation, in the early morning hours of June 30, 2019, Ford got into a fight with a group of individuals outside a food truck on Southern Boulevard and East 149th Street in the Bronx. The victim, Alberto DeJesus, 22, was present with the group but not part of the fight. After it broke up, DeJesus went to a nearby apartment building at 1044 Avenue Saint John and was shot at by Ford. DeJesus went into the lobby of the building where he collapsed. The attack was captured on surveillance video. DeJesus died at NYC Health + Hospitals Lincoln.

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 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 Frankie Soler of Bronx Homicide.