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BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 18 YEARS IN PRISON FOR SHOOTING 16-YEAR-OLD BOY Victim was shot multiple times; defendant pleaded guilty to Manslaughter

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced to 18 years in prison and five years post-release supervision for fatally shooting a teenager in the Belmont neighborhood of the Bronx.

District Attorney Clark said, "Too many teens in the Bronx have died at the hands of gun violence. We need to do more to protect our youth, while providing them opportunities to better their future. There are alternatives to violence that we as a community need to show these kids, so they don't end up as victims or in prison. We need to make it so they can't get their hands on weapons, and that starts with stopping the flow of guns coming into our neighborhoods."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Xavier Rosado, 22, last of East 184th Street in the Bronx, was sentenced on April 12, 2023 to 18 years in prison and five years 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 September 29, 2021, at approximately 12:45 p.m. in front of 749 East 187th Street, the defendant, and an unapprehended person exited a vehicle and started shooting at four people. The victim, Nisayeh Sanzhez, 16, was shot in the neck and head, torso, and right thigh and later died at a nearby Saint Barnabas Hospital. Another victim, Jossi Castro, 23, was shot in the arm and foot and survived. Surveillance video showed the car they were in, which was reported stolen earlier in the day, in Manhattan. The defendant was identified along with the car in that surveillance video wearing the same clothes he wore when the shooting took place. Police are still searching for the additional shooter, as well as the driver of the vehicle.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Burim Namani, Senior Homicide 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.



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District Attorney Clark thanked Detectives Patrick Sullivan of Bronx Homicide and Chad Poidomani of the 48th Precinct.