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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 2-6 YEARS IN PRISON FOR KILLING MAN IN
CRASH ON MAJOR DEEGAN EXPWY. THAT SENT VICTIM'S VEHICLE
OFF ROAD TO 135TH ST. BELOW
Defendant Was Drunk Driving Over 100 Miles Per Hour**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man was sentenced to two to six years in prison for speeding while drunk on the Major Deegan Expressway and crashing into another vehicle, causing it to flip over the Expressway and land upside down on the street below, killing the driver.

District Attorney Clark said, "A father of two was killed in this horrendous crash. The defendant drove drunk, and it led to fatal consequences, and years in prison. Had the defendant took public transportation or called a taxi, the victim would be alive today and his family would not be in agony."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Freddy Martinez, 24, was sentenced today to two to six years in prison before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Albert Lorenzo. The defendant pleaded guilty to second-degree Manslaughter on February 22, 2023.

According to the investigation, on December 12, 2021, at approximately 4:47 a.m. the defendant was driving his vehicle 104 miles per hour along the Major Deegan Expressway South. The posted speed limit is 50 miles per hour. The defendant was changing lanes without applying brakes. Martinez's vehicle struck the vehicle of Mamadou Diane, 46, a father of two who was going 12 miles per hour while merging on the Expressway. The victim's vehicle flipped over the Expressway landing upside down on East 135th Street below. He was deceased by the time emergency crews arrived on scene. Martinez's blood alcohol content was .16 percent, twice the legal limit. At the time of the crash, he told police he had just left a bar/restaurant, where he drank two cups of alcoholic beverage.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Krystal Palmers of Trial Bureau 30, under the supervision of Julie Deleon, Chief of Trial Bureau 30, Jessica Goodwin, Deputy Chief of Trial Bureau 30, Jeffrey Kimelman, Chief of the Vehicular Crimes Unit, and under the



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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 Shaylin French, formerly of Trial Bureau 30, Trial Preparation Assistant Natalie Sims of Trial Bureau 30, Trial Preparation Assistant Jamece Hill of the Vehicular Crimes Unit and Crime Victim Advocate Pedro Lugo of the Crime Victims Assistance Bureau for their assistance.

District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Sergeant Randal McFarland, formerly of the NYPD Collision Investigation Squad and Police Officer Idaniel Tavares of the 44th Precinct, for their work in this investigation.

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