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**BXDA CONVICTION INTEGRITY BUREAU, INNOCENCE PROJECT  
INVESTIGATIONS LEAD TO COURT VACATING 1996 CONVICTION  
FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER, FOR WHICH MAN SERVED 26 YEARS  
Trial Attorney Overlooked Key Evidence, Failed to Investigate**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark announced that a Bronx judge has vacated the Attempted Murder conviction of a Bronx man who served 26 years in prison, after investigations by her Conviction Integrity Bureau and the Innocence Project found that he had been wrongfully convicted due to ineffective defense counsel.

District Attorney Clark said, “Norberto Peets has served 26 years in prison, after being found guilty in a trial where his lawyer overlooked key evidence that could have led to acquittal. My Office’s Conviction Integrity Bureau has helped bring him some semblance of justice by investigating his claims and joining the Innocence Project to have the charges dismissed and clear his name. Hopefully it will help him as he puts his life back together.”

On May 9, 2023, Bronx Supreme Court Justice Ralph Fabrizio vacated Mr. Peet’s conviction and dismissed the indictment on attempted murder, assault and weapon charges for shooting at people--wounding two--on September 29, 1996, under the elevated subway at Jerome Avenue and 183rd Street.

Taking into consideration that the only evidence pointing to Peet’s guilt was questionable eyewitness identification, District Attorney Clark concluded that the reliability of the jury’s verdict was questionable, and on September 30, 2022, the Conviction Integrity Bureau joined the Innocence Project’s motion to vacate Mr. Peets’ conviction, and he was released from prison after 26 years. Separate reinvestigations found that Mr. Peets’ trial attorney had not adequately investigated his case, and as a result, had overlooked key evidence that both pointed to an alternate suspect and discredited the eyewitness testimony that had convicted Mr. Peets.

DA Clark thanked Risa Gerson, Chief of the Conviction Integrity Bureau and Assistant District Attorney Gabriela Tully, who reinvestigated the case.