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**MANHATTAN MAN SENTENCED TO 5 YEARS IN PRISON
FOR PULLING GUN ON INDIVIDUAL AT PLAYGROUND
Defendant Found Guilty by Jury of Second-Degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Manhattan man has been sentenced to five years in prison after a jury convicted him of weapon possession for displaying a loaded gun in a playground.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant threatened the safety of the community, striking fear in people who use the Marble Hill Playground as a place to take their family. The jury in this case was able to review the evidence and came back with a guilty verdict. We are sending a clear message that we are not tolerating gun violence in the Bronx."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Charles Cherry, 34, of Riverside Drive, Manhattan, was sentenced to five years in prison and five years of post-release supervision today by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Steven Hornstein. The defendant was found guilty of one count of second-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon on November 15, 2022 after a jury trial.

According to the investigation, on August 28, 2020, the defendant was arguing with another man at the Marble Hill Playground. Cherry left and returned and pointed the gun at the other individual. The NYPD was notified about the altercation and an officer arrived at the playground and pursued Cherry, who ran behind a building at 5250 Broadway. At the location, police recovered a loaded 9-mm pistol, which had DNA on it belonging to Cherry. Nearby surveillance video from a storage facility also captured Cherry on camera.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Alessandra Ambrosi and Senior Investigative Assistant District Attorney Kevin Griffin of the Special Investigations Bureau, under the supervision Howard Feldberg, Deputy Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau, Craig Cecchini, Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau, and under the overall supervision of Denise Kodjo, Deputy Chief of the Investigations Division, and Wanda Perez-Maldonado, Chief of Investigations Division.

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District Attorney Clark thanked Trial Preparation Assistant Emily Lugo Rosario of the Special Investigations Bureau.

District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Officer Michael Johnson of the 50th Precinct, NYPD Detective James Haskell of the NYPD Police Laboratory, Detective Luke Maddock of the Violent Crime Squad, Officer Christopher Multari, Evidence Collection Team and Elizabeth Valle, Criminalist of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner for their assistance.

District Attorney thanked former NYPD Officers: Officer Brandon Day of the Westchester Police Department and Officer Nicholas Kraft of the Blooming Grove NY Police Department.

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