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MANHATTAN MAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS IN PRISON IN FATAL SHOOTING OF TEEN BYSTANDER, WOUNDING OF A MAN Defendant Pleaded Guilty to First-Degree Manslaughter

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Manhattan man was sentenced to 15 years in prison in a 2016 drive-by shooting that killed a 17-year-old boy and critically wounded a man who were innocent bystanders.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant admitted driving a stolen car from which a gunman opened fire on a streetcorner and shot a teen and a man who were not the targets. Dontae Gordon, just 17 years old, was killed. Anyone who contributes to deadly mayhem on our streets will be held accountable."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Adrian Medina, 26, of White Street, Manhattan was sentenced on August 28, 2023 to 15 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 June 7, 2023.

According to the investigation, on August 17, 2016, at 9:15 p.m., the defendant was driving a stolen livery cab and as he neared College Avenue near East 170th Street in Claremont Village, his passenger fired multiple shots. Dontae (Tae) Gordon, 17, was shot in the stomach and died at Lincoln Hospital. His 21-year-old friend was wounded. Medina was arrested in 2019. The shooter has not been apprehended.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Homicide Counsel Morgan Dolan 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 Trial Preparation Assistant Jazmine Pagoada of the Homicide Bureau and Intelligence Analyst Daniel Walker of the Crime Strategies Bureau. District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Detectives James Fleming of the 44th Precinct and Patrick Flatley of the Bronx Homicide Squad, and members of the Bronx District Attorney's Squad.