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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 48 YEARS TO LIFE IN PRISON FOR FATALLY
SHOOTING A MAN AND A TEENAGER**
Defendant Convicted by Jury of Murder, Manslaughter and Weapon Possession

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced to 48 years to life in prison for killing two people near the Parkside Houses in 2019 while he was on parole.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant shot a 21-year-old man and a 17-year-old boy. Now he has been held accountable for taking these young lives and will spend many years in prison."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Harry Behlin, 50, of Britton Street, was sentenced today to 48 years to life in prison. Behlin was sentenced to 24 years to life for second-degree Murder, and 24 years in prison with 5 years post-release supervision for first-degree Manslaughter, to run consecutively, and 15 years in prison with 5 years post-release supervision for second-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon, to run concurrently to those sentences, by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Steven Hornstein. Behlin was found guilty after a jury trial on October 10, 2023.

According to the investigation on August 11, 2019, at approximately 11:40 p.m. on White Plains Road outside the Parkside Houses, after an altercation, the defendant shot Kevin Dillard, 21, in the neck and then shot Arnelle Branch, 17, at least three times before fleeing. Both victims died shortly after they were transported to New York City Health + Hospitals Jacobi. Behlin was apprehended by law enforcement authorities in April 2020. The defendant was on parole for 2014 drug sale conviction and previously served 10 years in prison for Attempted Murder.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Timothy Collins 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 NYPD Detectives Robinson Martinez of the 49th Precinct Squad, Patrick Sullivan of the Bronx Homicide Squad and Pedro Gomez of the Violent Felony Squad for their work in the case.