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**MANHATTAN MAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS IN PRISON FOR STABBING MAN  
IN THE HEART DURING BRAWL**  
**Defendant Was Found Guilty of Manslaughter After Jury Trial**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced to 15 years in prison and 5 years post release supervision for killing a man by stabbing him in the heart.

District Attorney Clark said, “The defendant fatally stabbed the victim during a fight. An up close, vicious attack for which he has been held accountable.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Omar Key, 49, last of West 142 Street in Manhattan, was sentenced today to 15 years in prison and 5 years post release supervision for first-degree Manslaughter by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Jeffrey Zimmerman. The defendant was convicted on October 24, 2023, after a jury trial.

According to the investigation, on October 9, 2020, at approximately 8:00 p.m. on the northeast corner of East Gun Hill Road and Jerome Avenue, a fight broke out among a group of individuals. Key was seen during the fight taking out what appeared to be a knife and stabbed Marvin Reginald Duchenne, 29, in the heart. Duchenne died hours later in the hospital.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Homicide Counsel George Suminski of 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.

District Attorney Clark thanked Trial Preparation Assistants Jonathan Romero, Jonathan Campa Pantaleon, Yoisy Jiminez of the Homicide Bureau, Chief Appellate Attorney Peter Coddington and Assistant District Attorney Nicole Neckles, of the Appeals Bureau, along with Stalin Crespo of the Bronx DA Video Unit for their assistance in the case.

District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Detectives Sheldon Smith of Bronx Homicide Squad and Christina Meehan of the Crime Scene Unit for their work on the case.