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## **BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS IN PRISON FOR FATAL SHOOTING** **Defendant Pleaded Guilty to First-Degree Manslaughter**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced to 15 years in prison for shooting a man after a dispute in Pelham Parkway.

District Attorney Clark said, "Another member of our community is dead after an argument ends in gunfire. The defendant will spend 15 years in prison for this senseless crime."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Demille Simms, 28, of 2187 Holland Avenue was sentenced to 15 years in prison and five years post-release supervision by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Ralph Fabrizio. Simms pleaded guilty to first-degree Manslaughter on February 14, 2024.

According to the investigation, on May 6, 2021, at approximately 3:07 a.m., on Cruger Avenue, the defendant and Abdessamad Essafoui, 23, got into an argument. Simms pulled out a gun and shot Essafoui one time in the chest. He died at NYC Health + Hospitals + Jacobi from his injuries.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Homicide Counsel Burim Namani 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 NYPD Detective Faton Alickaj of Bronx Homicide and retired Detective Frank Cirminelo of the 49 Precinct for their work on the investigation.