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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS IN PRISON FOR RANDOM
FATAL SHOOTING COMMITTED WHEN HE WAS TEEN**
Defendant Pleaded Guilty to First-Degree Manslaughter

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced to 20 years in prison for fatally shooting a man in Mott Haven.

District Attorney Clark said, “The defendant, 17 years old at the time, randomly approached the victim who was just hanging out on the sidewalk and opened fire, killing him. This is another act of senseless violence and a reminder that we must give teenagers other options, so they do not get their hands on a gun.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Shawn Bass, 20, of East 139 Street, was sentenced today by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Gale Roberts to 20 years in prison and five years post-release supervision. The defendant pleaded guilty on November 28, 2023, to first-degree Manslaughter.

According to the investigation, on August 27, 2021, at approximately 9:26 a.m. near Saint Ann’s Avenue and East 137th Street in the Mott Haven section of the Bronx, the defendant who was 17-years old at the time, approached Demetry Aristud, 29, and opened fire. The defendant shot the victim at least six times, with at least one of those shots hitting him in the chest, leading to his death. The attack was caught on surveillance video and police were able to locate the defendant at 257 Alexander Avenue despite his attempt to evade officers by discarding and changing his clothing.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Homicide Counsel Burim Namani 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 Javish Ortiz and Arelis Collazo of Bronx Homicide for their work on the investigation.