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BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 40 YEARS TO LIFE IN PRISON FOR FATALLY SHOOTING BODEGA CLERK AND WOUNDING STOREOWNER
Defendant Was Convicted of Murder After Jury Trial

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced to 40 years to Life in prison after being convicted of second-degree Murder and additional charges for fatally shooting a bodega clerk and wounding the store's owner in Mount Eden.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant killed a bodega worker in a completely unprovoked act. He then shot the owner of the deli, who along with another employee subdued the defendant before he could harm others."

The defendant, Tykwan McLeod, 49, last of 3453 Dekalb Avenue, was sentenced today to 40 years to Life in prison and five years post-release supervision after being convicted by a jury of second-degree Murder, Attempted Assault in the first degree, and second-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon, by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Ralph Fabrizio.

According to the investigation, on February 16, 2021, at approximately 8:40 p.m., the defendant entered K's Convenient Deli at 8 East Mount Eden Avenue and immediately shot the store clerk, Donte Thomas, 33, in the face, instantly killing him. As Thomas fell, McLeod shot him twice. As McLeod attempted to flee, the bodega's owner grabbed the defendant, who shot him in the chest at point blank range. The owner and another employee wrestled the gun away from the defendant, and an off-duty NYPD Auxiliary Officer recovered the firearm from the ground.

The case was prosecuted by Karl Miller, Homicide Counsel, under the supervision of Burim Namani, Deputy Chief of the Homicide Bureau, and Christine Scaccia, Chief of the Homicide Bureau, 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 BXDA Video Technician Stalin Crespo of the Video Unit for his work on the case.



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District Attorney Clark also thanked Detective Curtis Cato and Sergeant Paul Neggersmith of the 44th Precinct, along with NYPD Officer Elmehdi Eddoubaji of the 19th Precinct and retired Detective Francis Orlando of the Bronx Homicide Detective Squad.