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BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS TO LIFE IN PRISON FOR KILLING 19-YEAR-OLD WOMAN AFTER FIRING GUN IN BRONX NIGHTCLUB; ADDITIONAL BYSTANDER WAS STRUCK IN ARM
Defendant Was Convicted After Jury Trial

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced to 20 years to life in prison for second-degree Murder and additional charges after fatally shooting a 19-year-old woman and shooting a man after an argument in a University Heights nightclub. The victims were not the intended targets.

District Attorney Clark said, “The defendant put people’s lives at risk when he opened fire inside a nightclub. His reckless actions caused the death of a 19-year-old woman who was enjoying a night out. No one should have to fear they are risking their lives by enjoying our borough’s nightlife.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Domingo Berroa, 37, was sentenced November 25, 2025, to 20 years to life in prison for second-degree Murder, and 10 years in prison plus five years post release supervision for second-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Margaret Clancy. The sentences will run concurrently. The defendant was convicted of the charges after a jury trial.

According to the investigation, on October 19, 2020, at approximately 7:00 a.m., the defendant got into an argument inside the nightclub Trios near Jerome Avenue and North Street in University Heights. Berroa pulled out a gun and fired one time missing his intended target and striking a man in the arm and then Wendolin Ortiz, 19, killing her. The defendant fled and purchased a ticket to the Dominican Republic. He was arrested the following day at John F. Kennedy International Airport.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Homicide Counsel Karl Miller of the Homicide Bureau and Assistant District Attorney Kirsten Prylinski of Trial Bureau 60, under the supervision of



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Burim Namani, Deputy Chief of the Homicide Bureau, and 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 Video Technician Stalin Crespo of the BXDA Video Unit for his work on the case.

District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Detective Faton Alickaj of Bronx Homicide for his work on the investigation.

An indictment is an accusatory instrument and not proof of a defendant's guilt.