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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS IN PRISON FOR RANDOM KILLING OF
MAN AFTER KNIFING NEIGHBOR IN NOISE DISPUTE**

Fatal Stabbing Victim Had Just Arrived at Building; Had No Part in Dispute

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man was sentenced to 20 years in prison for first-degree Manslaughter for killing a man and wounding a neighbor during a stabbing attack stemming from a noise dispute.

District Attorney Clark said, “This defendant turned a petty feud into deadly violence where he stabbed a neighbor and killed a man at random, who had nothing to do with the dispute. This crime is senseless, and the defendant will spend decades in prison for it.”

District Attorney Clark said Jose Ortiz, 68, last of University Avenue, was sentenced to 20 years in prison and five years post release supervision for first-degree Manslaughter by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Joseph McCormack. He pleaded guilty to that charge on October 21, 2025.

According to the investigation, on January 6, 2023, at approximately 8:57 p.m., inside 1212 University Avenue, Ortiz stabbed a 39-year-old neighbor once in her torso with a kitchen knife. The defendant had been feuding and threatening her over loud noise. The defendant then stabbed Tyrone Quick, 58, three times in the torso. Quick had just arrived to visit a friend who lives in the building when the defendant inexplicably stabbed him in the hallway. Quick was taken to NYC Health + Hospitals Lincoln where he was pronounced dead.

The case was prosecuted by Homicide Assistant Nicholas DiCostanzo of the Homicide Bureau, 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,



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Deputy Chief of the Trial Division and Theresa Gottlieb, Chief of the Trial Division.

District Attorney Clark thanked Homicide Bureau Trial Preparation Assistant Jonathan Campa Pantaleon for his work on the case.

District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Detective Arelis Collazo of the Bronx Homicide Squad and Detective Jose Mercedes of the 44th Precinct Detective Squad for their work on the investigation.