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BRONX TEEN INDICTED FOR FATAL SHOOTING NEAR COURTHOUSE AND FOR FIRING GUN AT CROWD OF PEOPLE; HE IS LINKED TO A THIRD SHOOTING THAT LEFT ELDERLY WOMAN WOUNDED

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a 15-year-old boy has been indicted for second-degree Murder for fatally shooting a man across the street from the Bronx Hall of Justice in broad daylight. The defendant and a 17-year-old are also charged in connection with a shooting that left a 65-year-old woman wounded in the leg.

District Attorney Clark said “The defendant, only 15 years old, is allegedly responsible for multiple incidents of gun violence last fall. He allegedly brazenly fired shots right near the courthouse on the afternoon before Thanksgiving, killing a man and causing fear among the passersby. Due to the diligent work of detectives, the weapon used in the Bronx Hall of Justice killing was linked to two previous incidents. Again, we have a child allegedly using a gun with no regard for human life.”

District Attorney Clark said the 15-year-old defendant was arraigned on second-degree Murder, Attempted Murder in the second-degree, first-degree Assault and six counts of second-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Gayle Roberts. He was remanded and is due back in court on May 16, 2025. Co-defendant Ley Baio, 17, of Carlisle Place was charged with Attempted Murder in the second-degree, first-degree Assault and two counts of second-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon He was previously arraigned on those charges on Thursday, January 9, 2025. He was remanded.

According to the investigation, on November 27, 2024, at approximately 2:42 p.m., in front of 280 East 161st Street and directly across from the Bronx Hall of Justice, the defendant allegedly took out a gun and shot Jerron Grant, 29, multiple times in the torso, causing his death. He then ran from the police and was arrested on E. 158th Street. The pistol, a 40-caliber semi-automatic Taurus Millennium PT pistol was recovered on the ground just below where the defendant was crouched on a ledge.

Previously, on November 20, 2024, at approximately 6:18 p.m., the 15-year-old allegedly passed a gun to Ley Baio. Baio then drove on a Citi Bike with a third individual not yet



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apprehended to Jackson Avenue in the Woodstock neighborhood, where Baio allegedly passed him the firearm and he fired the gun multiple times into a crowd of people. A 65-year-old woman was struck in the leg and required surgery to remove the bullet.

On October 14, 2024, at approximately 6:20 p.m., the 15-year-old, allegedly fired multiple times into a crowd of people at the rear on East 143rd Street in the Mott Haven section. Five, .40 caliber shell casings were recovered from the scene. They were subsequently matched to the gun used in the other two incidents.

The case is being prosecuted by Homicide Assistant Elizabeth Kamens under the supervision of Burim Namani, Deputy Chief of the Homicide Bureau, 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 Detectives Jose Mercedes of the 44th Precinct, Kevin Mockel, formerly of the Bronx Homicide Squad, Mariusz Jasiurkowski, Brian DiStefano and Michael Sheehan of the 40th Precinct, Brandon Ravello of the Gun Violence Suppression Division and Lamik Fitzgerald, formerly of the GVSD and now in the 40th Precinct, for their work in the investigation.

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