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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 11 YEARS IN PRISON FOR SHOOTING WOMAN  
LEAVING HER PARALYZED FROM WAIST DOWN**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man was sentenced to 11 years in prison for Attempted Murder for shooting a woman outside of a bodega in Morris Heights, leaving her paralyzed.

District Attorney Clark said, “The defendant opened fire on a busy sidewalk after watching a dispute involving the victim inside a bodega. Despite not knowing anyone involved, he callously waited outside and fired multiple shots at them, causing life-changing injury to a woman.”

District Attorney Clark said Ferraud Francis, 40, of Sedgwick Avenue, was sentenced on February 17, 2026, to six years in prison and five years post-release supervision for Attempted Murder in the second degree, and five years in prison and five years post-release supervision for second-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon, by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Joseph McCormack. The sentences will run consecutively. The defendant pleaded guilty to the charges on December 9, 2025.

According to the investigation, on February 4, 2023, at approximately 5:30 p.m., a woman and her spouse were at bodega on 1800 Cedar Avenue. A person approached them at the cash register and started to argue. The defendant was nearby, but he was not involved in the dispute. He left the store as the argument escalated. When the 46-year-old woman and 49-year-old woman left the bodega, the defendant was standing on the sidewalk, pulled out a gun, and shot at them. The 46-year-old was shot twice, once in the leg and once in the abdomen. Her injuries culminated in paralysis from the waist down. The other woman was not injured.



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This case was being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Gillian M. Mann, under the supervision of Keturah Ladd, Deputy Chief Violent Criminal Enterprise Bureau, L. Newton Mendys, Chief of Violent Criminal Enterprise Bureau, and under the overall supervision of Denise Kodjo, Deputy Chief of the Investigations Division, and Wanda Perez-Maldonado, Chief of the Investigations Division.

District Attorney Clark thanked Trial Preparation Assistant George Diaz, of Trial Bureau 30, and Julie Deleon, Chief of Trial Bureau 30, and former Assistant District Attorney Lisa Ortolano for their assistance with this case.

District Attorney Clark also thanked NYPD Detective Indiana McGowan of the 46 Precinct, and NYPD Detective Christopher Montera of the 52 Field Intelligence Office for their work on this case.