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## **BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS TO LIFE IN PRISON FOR FATAL STABBING**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced 20 years to life in prison for first-degree Manslaughter for fatally stabbing an acquaintance.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant viciously stabbed a 23-year-old man. He has been held accountable and will spend many years in prison."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Johnnie Vickers, 42, of Cruger Avenue, the Bronx was sentenced today by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Jeffrey M. Zimmerman to 20 years to life in prison. The defendant was found guilty by a jury on April 19, 2024, of first-degree Manslaughter.

According to the facts presented at trial, on February 18, 2021, Adam Saunders, 23, went to Vickers' apartment and the defendant stabbed him in the back multiple times. Vickers then left the body in the apartment until it was found four days later by police after neighbors called about an odor. The defendant was arrested on March 3, 2021.

The case was prosecuted by Karl Miller, Homicide Counsel and Assistant District Attorney Thomas Arning of Trial Bureau 30 under the supervision of Christine Scaccia, Chief of the Homicide Bureau, Julie Deleon, Chief of Trial Bureau 30, and Jessica Goodwin, Deputy Chief, Trial Bureau 30, 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 the Homicide Bureau professional staff, Joao D'Allessandro, Supervisor of the BXDA Video Unit, and Video Technician Joseph Martinez for their assistance with the case. District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Detective Sasha Brugal of the Bronx Homicide Squad and NYPD Detective Robin Martinez of the 49<sup>th</sup> Precinct for their work on this case.