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**For Immediate Release**  
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**MANHATTAN MAN INDICTED IN FATAL SHOOTING OF MAN  
WHO WAS DEFENDING HIS MOTHER**  
**Defendant Argued with Woman on Street; When Son Intervened, Defendant Retrieved a  
Gun and Shot Victim Multiple Times in Broad Daylight**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Manhattan man has been indicted for second-degree Murder in the fatal shooting of a man coming to the aid of his mother in a petty dispute.

District Attorney Clark said, “Instead of walking away from an argument, this defendant allegedly shot a man dead on a Bronx street in front of the victim’s mother. It is another example of senseless gun violence.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Herman Gayle, 26, of West 151<sup>st</sup> Street, Manhattan was arraigned today on second-degree Murder, first-degree Manslaughter, two counts of second-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon and Possession of Ammunition before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Brenda Rivera. The defendant was remanded and is due back in court on January 15, 2025.

According to the investigation, on September 29, 2024, at approximately 1:48 p.m., on East 182<sup>nd</sup> Street, in the Belmont section, the defendant allegedly got into an argument with a woman blocking a store entrance. The woman called to her son, Devonte Serrano, 29, who was nearby and told him the defendant was bothering her. Serrano confronted the defendant and the defendant allegedly called someone on his cell phone and stated, “Get my gun.” The defendant left the scene and returned and brawled with the victim. The defendant allegedly fired at least three shots, striking Serrano in the chest and stomach.

The case is being prosecuted by Homicide Senior Trial Assistant Janene Carter 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. Homicide Major Case Assistant Victoria Fiorenza assisted with the Grand Jury presentation.



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District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Detective David Monahan of the Bronx Homicide Squad and Detective Joseph Zaccaro of the 48<sup>th</sup> Precinct for their assistance in the investigation.

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