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Brooklyn Man Sentenced to 20 Years in Prison for Brownsville Shooting

*Defendant Fired Six Shots Point-Blank At Victim As He Was Lying On Ground,
Striking Him Six Times And Causing Permanent Injury; Shooting Followed An Argument*

Kings County District Attorney Kenneth P. Thompson today announced that a 34-year-old Brooklyn man has been sentenced to 20 years in prison following his conviction earlier this month on assault and other charges in connection with a point-blank shooting that left his 19-year-old victim permanently injured.

District Attorney Thompson said, “It is outrageous that this defendant emptied his handgun into another young man on a residential street in broad daylight. Today’s sentence is appropriate to both punish this defendant and to protect the law-abiding and hardworking people of Brownsville from such blatant acts of violence.”

The District Attorney said that the defendant, Jamahl Clarke, 34, of 124 Covert Street in Bushwick, was today sentenced to 20 years in prison by Brooklyn Supreme Court Justice Danny Chun following his conviction on charges of first-degree assault and two counts of second-degree criminal possession of a weapon. The defendant was convicted on June 10, 2014, following a jury trial.

The District Attorney said that, according to trial testimony, the assault occurred on Jan. 30, 2013, at 1 p.m., on Chauncey Street in Brownsville, when Clarke and the victim, Devon Findlay Jr., 19, who had an ongoing dispute, got into an argument. As Findlay walked away, according to testimony, Clarke ran into 494 Chauncey Street and got a .38-caliber revolver. He then pistol-whipped Findlay about the head, causing him to fall to the ground. As the victim was lying on the ground, face up, he saw Clarke standing over him with the gun. Clarke then fired the weapon six times, striking Findlay in the elbow, hip, shoulder, thigh, back and finger.

The District Attorney said that, according to trial testimony, Clarke continued to pull the trigger, and when Findlay heard clicks signaling that the gun was indeed empty, he dragged himself away. He suffered permanent nerve damage to his arm from multiple shots to his elbow. He now has limited use of his arm and cannot hold anything heavy.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kori Medow and Assistant District Attorney Terry W. Scott of the District Attorney’s Orange Zone Trial Bureau, under the supervision of Thomas Ridges, Bureau Chief.