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**Bedford-Stuyvesant Man Sentenced To 25 Years In Prison  
For Robbery and Shooting That Left Victim Paralyzed**  
*Shooting Occurred During Home Invasion Robbery At Tompkins Houses*

Brooklyn District Attorney Ken Thompson today announced that a Brooklyn man convicted for a home invasion robbery in which he shot one man five times and left him paralyzed from the waist down has been sentenced to the maximum of 25 years in prison.

District Attorney Thompson said, “This defendant invaded the sanctity of someone’s home and then – after robbing his unarmed victims at gunpoint – shot one of them repeatedly as he lay on the floor, leaving him paralyzed. The sentence imposed is warranted to punish the defendant and to protect society.”

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Patrick Day, 25, of Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn. He was sentenced today by Brooklyn Supreme Court Justice Michael A. Gary to a determinate term of 25 years in prison and five years’ post-release supervision. The defendant was convicted of first-degree assault and first-degree robbery on November 19, 2014, following a jury trial.

The District Attorney said that, according to trial testimony, on May 19, 2013, Giovanni Baptiste, 26, and Jerry Terrence High, 24, were inside of the apartment of Jeffrey Gutierrez, 21, located at 220 Throop Avenue in the Tompkins Houses, in Bedford-Stuyvesant, at around 3:15 a.m., when the defendant and an uncharged accomplice entered the apartment armed with a .380 Auto caliber semi-automatic Cobray/Leinad, model M12 pistol with an extended clip.

The District Attorney said that, according to trial testimony, the defendant ordered the three men to get down on the floor, then ordered Mr. Baptiste to hand over his belongings, including \$700, a ring and an earring. He then ordered Mr. Baptiste to “get up” at which point the victim feared he was going to be shot, so he attempted to charge the defendant. The defendant then shot Mr. Baptiste several times and continued to shoot him even after he fell to the ground. Mr. Baptiste, who was the father of a 3-year-old girl and employed as a security guard at the time, was shot a total of five times, leaving him paralyzed from the waist down.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Bernarda A. Villalona, Deputy Bureau Chief of the District Attorney’s Blue Trial Zone and Assistant District Attorney Gregory Basso, also of the Blue Zone, under the supervision of Assistant District Attorney Paul Burns, Chief of the Blue Trial Zone.

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