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**Brooklyn Man Sentenced To 25 Years To Life In Prison
For Murder Of Former Boyfriend**

Defendant Knifed And Stomped 31-Year-Old Man In Their Bedford-Stuyvesant Apartment

Kings County District Attorney Kenneth P. Thompson today announced that a 27-year-old Brooklyn man has been sentenced to 25 years to life in prison following his conviction earlier this month on second-degree murder in the stabbing and beating of his former boyfriend.

District Attorney Thompson said, “The defendant took the life of a promising young man in a particularly wanton case of domestic violence. Today’s sentence appropriately punishes him. We will pursue full justice for brutality that takes place behind closed doors.”

The District Attorney said that the defendant, Devineil Brown, 27, of 885 Gates Avenue in Bedford-Stuyvesant, was today sentenced by Brooklyn Supreme Court Justice Vincent M. Del Giudice, following his conviction on second-degree murder on July 16, 2014, after a jury trial.

The District Attorney said that, according to trial testimony, on November 7, 2012, inside 885 Gates Avenue, the defendant stabbed Shaun Woolford, 31, a hair stylist, 19 times and inflicted blunt force trauma upon him during an argument over the breakup of their relationship.

The District Attorney said that, according to trial testimony, the defendant and victim had broken up after seven years, but were still living in the same apartment. The victim had been planning to move out of the apartment.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Cynthia A. Lynch, Bureau Chief of the District Attorney’s Domestic Violence Bureau, and Assistant District Attorney Tracey Downing.

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