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**Brooklyn Man Who Shot Stranger On Subway
Sentenced To 18 Years In Prison**

Victim Shot In Face In Unprovoked Attack On '3' Train At Saratoga Avenue

Brooklyn District Attorney Ken Thompson today announced that a Crown Heights man has been sentenced to 18 years in prison following his conviction on second-degree attempted murder and other charges for shooting an unarmed man who was a complete stranger in the face on a '3' train.

District Attorney Thompson said, "The victim suffered debilitating injuries after the defendant shot him in his face and could easily have been killed. The defendant will now have 18 long years in prison to think about this senseless act of violence."

The District Attorney said that the defendant, Dequan Hall, 30, of St. Johns Place in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, was today sentenced to a determinate term of 18 years in prison by Brooklyn Supreme Court Justice Danny Chun, who presided over a jury trial which concluded on September 22, 2014, at which time the defendant was convicted of second-degree attempted murder, first-degree assault and two counts of second-degree criminal possession of a weapon.

The District Attorney said that, according to trial testimony, on January 10, 2013, the victim and a friend boarded a '3' train at the Junius Avenue subway station and sat opposite each other. At the next station, which was Rockaway Avenue, the defendant, who was wearing a distinctive green bubble jacket and walking with a burgundy cane, and four other males, entered the subway car. The defendant immediately locked eyes with the victim.

The District Attorney said that, according to trial testimony, the defendant then pulled a black gun from his waistband, cocked it back, and pointed the gun right at the victim's head. The victim slapped the gun away, but the defendant put it back to his head. The victim again slapped the gun away and the defendant pointed it right at his face so he was looking down the barrel. The defendant then demanded that the victim get off the train, but he feared he would be shot so he remained on the train and pushed the gun out of his face. The defendant put the gun back up and shot the victim just before the doors opened at the Saratoga Avenue station, and then fled.

The District Attorney said that the victim was shot in the right cheek and the bullet exited his face on the left side by his neck. His jaw was fractured in multiple places and was wired shut for a month, and he now has a permanent metal plate in his jaw. He suffered permanent injuries to his throat and permanent nerve damage to the right side of his face.

The defendant was arrested the following day by police officers who were alerted to the incident and remembered seeing the defendant in his distinctive coat and with a cane and traced back his movements until they were able to identify him.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Kori A. Medow and Yasmine Meyer, of the District Attorney's Orange Zone Trial Bureau, under the supervision of Thomas C. Ridges, Chief.

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