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**D.A. BROWN: BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 14 YEARS IN PRISON  
FOR FIRST HOMICIDE OF 2006**

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that a 21-year-old Bronx man who pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the stabbing death of a friend shortly after midnight on January 1, 2006 has been sentenced to fourteen years in prison.

District Attorney Brown said, "The teenage victim was sitting in a car with the defendant and others when an argument broke out between the defendant and his brother. The victim attempted to act as peacemaker and, in the process, senselessly lost his life. The defendant has now been punished for his actions in cutting short the life of a young man and leaving his family shattered by grief. I hope the family finds solace in the knowledge that justice has been done."

The District Attorney identified the defendant as John Montanez, 21, of 765 East 163<sup>rd</sup> Street in the Bronx. The defendant pleaded guilty to the top count of first-degree manslaughter on December 4, 2006, before Queens Supreme Court Justice Randall T. Eng who imposed today's determinate sentence of fourteen years in prison.

District Attorney Brown said that, in pleading guilty, the defendant admitted that while quarreling with his brother inside a Jeep SUV parked in the vicinity of Cooper Avenue and 64<sup>th</sup> Place in Ridgewood at approximately 1:30 a.m. on January 1, 2006, he stabbed 17-year-old Carlos Cintron, also a passenger in the vehicle. The victim was pronounced dead at the scene.

Assistant District Attorney John W. Kosinski, of the District Attorney's Homicide Trials Bureau prosecuted the case under the supervision of Brad Leventhal, Bureau Chief, and Jack Warsawsky, Deputy Bureau Chief, and the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Charles A. Testagrossa and Deputy Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Daniel A. Saunders.

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