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QUEENS MAN CHARGED WITH MURDER IN SHOOTING DEATH OF MAN

Defendant Faces Up To 25 Years To Life In Prison If Convicted

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that a 19-year-old Long Island City man has been charged with murder in the shooting death of a Astoria resident in the afternoon hours of December 2, 2017.

District Attorney Brown said, “the senseless killing of this young man is another example of why my office remains vigilant in the fight to rid the streets of Queens County of illegal firearms. The defendant showed no respect for human life when he viciously shot a 20-year-old man who had a long life ahead of him. He will be vigorously prosecuted.”

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Javyn McNish, 19, of 21st Street in Long Island City, Queens. McNish was arraigned this morning in Queens Criminal Court before Judge Danielle Hartman on charges of second-degree murder and two-counts of second-degree criminal possession of a weapon. Judge Hartman held the defendant without bail and ordered him to return to court on December 18, 2017, in Part AP6. If convicted, the defendant faces up to 25 years to life in prison.

District Attorney Brown said that, according to the charges, at approximately 4:10 pm on Saturday, December 2, 2017, in front of 14-01 36th Avenue, the defendant, who is also identified on video surveillance, fatally shot the victim, Jarrel Lewis, 20, of Astoria, twice in the torso and once in the hand.

Assistant District Attorney Kanella Georgopoulos, of the District Attorney’s Homicide Investigations Bureau, is prosecuting the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Peter T. Reese, Bureau Chief, and Richard B. Schaeffer, Peter J. McCormack III and John Kosinski, Deputy Bureau Chiefs, and under the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Daniel A. Saunders and Deputy Assistant District Attorney Brad A Leventhal.

It should be noted that a criminal complaint is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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