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**BROOKLYN MAN SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS TO LIFE IN PRISON**  
**FOR FATAL SHOOTING OF ACQUAINTANCE IN 2016**

*Victim Died Five Days After Being Shot In The Head*

Chief Assistant District Attorney John M. Ryan, on behalf of Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown, announced today that a 25-year-old Brooklyn man has been sentenced to 25 years to life in prison after being found guilty of murder at trial for the shooting death of a 28-year-old man in May 2016.

Chief ADA Ryan said, "This was a senseless act of violence that needlessly took the life of a young man. The defendant in this case - just 22 at the time of the shooting - is now sentenced a very long term of incarceration. Sadly, the defendant showed a total disregard for human life when he shot and killed the victim."

The District Attorney's Office identified the defendant as Teimel Morris, 25, of Baltic Street in Brooklyn. In January, the defendant was found guilty of second-degree murder and second-degree criminal possession of a weapon following a two-week-long trial. Queens Supreme Court Justice Michael Aloise, who presided at trial, today sentenced the defendant to 25 years to life in prison.

According to trial testimony, on May 6, 2016, Morris and the victim, Edward Harris, were observed on video surveillance having a heated conversation outside a deli on 160<sup>th</sup> Street. The pair could be seen on surveillance walking in the neighborhood moments before the shooting, which was not caught on camera. Witnesses heard the gunfire and testified they saw someone running from the scene with a gun who fit the defendant's description. The defendant admitted that he was with the victim and identified himself on the video surveillance.

Continuing, according to trial testimony, the 28-year-old victim was shot twice in the head and died five days later.

Senior Assistant District Attorney Christine A. McCoy, of the District Attorney's Homicide Trials Bureau, prosecuted the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Brad A. Leventhal, Bureau Chief, John Kosinski, Deputy Bureau Chief, and under the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Daniel A. Saunders.

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