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SECOND DEFENDANT INDICTED BY GRAND JURY ON MURDER CHARGES
IN SHOOTING DEATH OF MAN IN LONG ISLAND CITY

*Defendant Extradited from Virginia;
Faces Up to 25 Years-to-Life in Prison if Convicted*

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz announced today that Khalik Berry has been indicted by a Queens grand jury and arraigned in Supreme Court for murder and other crimes in the shooting to death a 33-year-old Queens man near the Queensbridge Houses on May 10, 2021. A co-defendant was arraigned last week.

District Attorney Katz said, "As alleged, this defendant and another individual participated in a cold-blooded killing, gunning down the victim as he sat in a vehicle. This was another tragic example of the gun violence that has become the scourge of too many of our communities and must be brought to an end."

Berry, 31, was arraigned yesterday before Queens Supreme Court Justice John Zoll on a three-count indictment charging him with murder in the second degree and two counts of criminal possession of a weapon in the second degree. Justice Zoll set a return date for September 22, 2021. If convicted, the defendant faces up to 25 years-to-life in prison.

According to the charges, just after midnight on May 10th, Berry was observed on video surveillance along with the co-defendant approaching the victim, Kayron Wilson, as he sat in the front passenger seat of a vehicle parked on 12th Street and 40th Avenue in Long Island City, Queens. Both defendants allegedly began shooting at the 33-year-old victim, who was struck three times in the chest. Mr. Wilson was taken to a local hospital where he succumbed to the injuries.

Berry was apprehended in Virginia and returned to New York yesterday to face charges.

The investigation was conducted by Detective Daniel Spies of the 114th Detective Squad and Detectives Andrew Alloro and Lizabeth Klein from the Queens Homicide Squad.

Assistant District Attorney Franchesca Basso, of the District Attorney's Homicide Bureau, is prosecuting the case with the assistance of Assistant District Attorney Bryan Kotowski under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys, Peter McCormack III, Senior Deputy Bureau Chief, John Kosinski and Karen Ross, Deputy Bureau Chiefs, and under the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Daniel A. Saunders.

Criminal complaints and indictments are accusations. A defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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