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**QUEENS MAN INDICTED ON MURDER CHARGES**  
**FOR DEADLY SHOOTING OF ELMONT MAN**

*Victim Shot Multiple Times;  
Defendant Faces Up to 25 Years-to-Life in Prison if Convicted*

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz announced that Edson Giron-Figueroa, 19, has been indicted by a Queens grand jury and arraigned in Supreme Court on murder, criminal possession of a weapon charges in the shooting death of a 25-year-old man from Elmont, Queens, on July 24, 2021.

District Attorney Katz said, "This defendant first attempted to rob the victim, but ended his attempt with shooting and killing the young man. We will now seek to bring this defendant to justice for his alleged crimes."

Giron-Figueroa, of 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Jamaica, Queens, was arraigned yesterday before Queens Supreme Court Justice Kenneth Holder on a five-count indictment charging him with two-counts of murder in the second degree, two-counts of criminal possession of a weapon in the second degree and tampering with physical evidence. Justice Holder ordered the defendant to return on December 6, 2021. If convicted, Giron-Figueroa faces up to 25 years-to-life in prison.

According to the indictment, at approximately 2:40 a.m. on Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, the defendant walked on 105<sup>th</sup> Street near 105<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Jamaica, Queens, and approached the victim, Albert Serrato from behind. Giron-Figueroa allegedly held a handgun and demanded money from the 25-year-old victim. When Mr. Serrato turned around and faced the defendant, Giron-Figueroa allegedly fired the gun several times striking the victim in his face, torso and arm. The defendant then fled the scene and later asked a friend to dispose of the gun for him.

The investigation was conducted by Detective Joseph Tarlantino of the 103<sup>rd</sup> Detective Squad and Detective Nicholas Perez of the Queens South Homicide Squad.

Assistant District Attorney Emily Collins of the District Attorney's Homicide Bureau, is prosecuting the case 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.

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