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### **JURY CONVICTS QUEENS MAN OF MURDER FOR BUS STOP STABBING DEATH IN 2018**

*Defendant Faces 25 Years-to-Life in Prison at Sentencing*

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz today announced that Micah Brown, 24, has been convicted at trial of murder and other crimes. The defendant stabbed a 25-year-old man multiple times during a February 2018 confrontation near a Jamaica, Queens, bus stop.

District Attorney Katz said, “An argument should never escalate to such levels of brutality. The defendant used an ice pick to stab a young man multiple times – killing him – during a confrontation over transport. Violence is a corrosive presence in our neighborhoods that we must reject. After a two-week trial conducted by my office, a jury weighed all the evidence presented at trial and found the defendant guilty of committing this brazen attack.”

A jury found Brown, of 147<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Rosedale, Queens, guilty yesterday following a two-week-long trial. The defendant was convicted of murder in the second degree and criminal possession of a weapon in the fourth degree. Queens Supreme Court Justice Michael Aloise, who presided at trial, set sentencing for June 23, 2022. At that time, Brown faces 25 years-to-life in prison.

According to the trial testimony, at approximately 11:50 p.m. on February 25, 2018, the defendant was operating a blue “dollar van” that was parked at the Jamaica Bus Terminal in Jamaica, Queens, when the 25-year-old victim Anthony Akeem Teil approached and requested a ride. The defendant refused but did allow other passengers to board the van. This rejection triggered an angry exchange between the two men.

Continuing, said the DA, the pair argued until the defendant walked around to the driver’s side of the passenger van, opened the door and retrieved an ice pick from inside the vehicle. He tucked the sharp object inside his sweatshirt, walked back around the van and approached Mr. Teil to continue the argument. The exchange escalated to a physical altercation and then Brown pulled out the ice pick and plunged it into Mr. Teil’s head and chest multiple times.

According to trial testimony, after stabbing the victim the defendant got back inside his van and drove away. Mr. Teil, who had the ice pick lodged in the side of his head, attempted to collect his belongings but collapsed on the sidewalk. He was taken to an area hospital where he was pronounced dead from puncture wounds to his heart.

Assistant District Attorney Courtney Charles, of the DA’s Homicide Bureau, prosecuted the case with the assistance of Assistant District Attorneys Suzanne Bettis and Christine McCoy, also with the Homicide Bureau, under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Peter J. McCormack III and John Kosinski, Senior Deputy Bureau Chiefs of Homicide, Karen Ross, Deputy Bureau Chief, and under the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Daniel A. Saunders.

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