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ELMONT MAN SENTENCED TO 22 YEARS TO LIFE
FOR SHOOTING WIFE AT JAMAICA MOTEL

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz announced that Malcom White was sentenced today to 22 years-to-life in prison for shooting his wife during a dispute at a hotel in Jamaica, Queens, in March 2020. White had been convicted in July.

District Attorney Katz said: “I believe that the sentence imposed today provides at least some measure of peace to the victim as she continues to recover. I urge victims of domestic violence who need safety planning services, or help in securing an order of protection or shelter placement, to call us or contact a Family Justice Center immediately.”

White, 44, of Kirkman Avenue in Elmont, was convicted by a jury in July following a two-week trial on charges of attempted murder in the second degree and criminal possession of a weapon in the second degree. Judge Michael Yavinsky today sentenced White to 22 years-to-life in prison.

According to the complaint, on March 27, 2020, emergency medical technicians and police were called to the Hillside Hotel on Queens Boulevard in Jamaica. White was in one of the rooms with the victim, his 34-year-old wife, and warned responders, in sum and substance, “If you come in here, I’ll blow her head off.”

In searching for White, police found the victim in the hotel lobby, naked, with a gunshot wound to her arm and, as would be diagnosed later, several bone fractures to her face. Police gained entry to the defendant’s hotel room by kicking in the deadbolted door and found blood in various places. Police later recovered a fired bullet from the room’s bathtub and two cell phones—one concealed under the mattress and another in the toilet. The defendant was discovered naked behind the hotel. Police also recovered an unloaded revolver near the back of the hotel.

Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Camillo, of the Domestic Violence Bureau, prosecuted the case, with the assistance of Assistant District Attorney Lourdes Vetrano, under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Kenneth Appelbaum, Bureau Chief, Mary Kate Quinn and Audra Beerman, Deputy Bureau Chiefs.

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