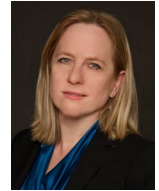




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LONG ISLAND MAN CHARGED WITH MURDER IN SHOOTING DEATH
OUTSIDE ST. ALBANS NIGHTCLUB
Faces 25 Years to Life in Prison

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz announced that Christopher King was arraigned today on an indictment charging him with murder in connection with the April shooting death of 23-year-old Jevaughn Jeminson outside the Pure Lounge nightclub in St. Albans.

District Attorney Katz said: “More senseless gun violence, more tragedy, another young life cut short. It is why we cannot relent in our fight against illegal guns and why we must continue to do all that we can to get lethal firearms and the criminals who use them off of our streets.”

King, 31, of Sussex Road in Elmont, was arraigned on an indictment charging him with murder in the second degree, two counts of criminal possession of a weapon in the second degree and reckless endangerment in the first degree. Supreme Court Justice Bruna DiBiase ordered him to return to court on October 4. If convicted, King faces 25 years to life in prison.

He is accused of acting with an accomplice.

According to the charges:

- On April 8, at approximately 1:56 a.m., King and a companion entered Pure Lounge, at 126-19 Merrick Boulevard. Video surveillance shows that King was frisked and allowed to enter the club. The second man was frisked by security and turned away after guards discovered he had a gun. He left briefly then returned, was searched a second time and allowed entry into the nightclub.
- At approximately 2:06 a.m., Jeminson of North Lauderdale, Florida exited Pure Lounge and walked approximately 20 feet to the intersection of Merrick Boulevard and Selover Avenue. King and the second man exited the club shortly afterward, following Jeminson to the intersection.
- Video surveillance shows that King walked to the middle of Selover Avenue and took a gun from his clothing. The second man briefly exchanged words with Jeminson, pulled a gun from his sweatshirt, pointed it at Jeminson’s face and fired.
- Jeminson ran around the corner while the two men chased him, each firing numerous times. Jeminson fell to the ground after sustaining multiple gunshot wounds. King’s companion walked up to Jeminson and fired multiple shots as he stood over the wounded man. He then walked away, stopped and returned to fire several more rounds into Jeminson’s body.
- After both men fired a combined 20 rounds, they ran to the corner of 177th Street and 129th Avenue, entered a parked BMW sedan and drove away.
- Jeminson was taken to a local hospital where he died, having sustained four gunshots to the abdomen, two to the head, one to the face, one to the upper chest, one to the arm, and four to the back.
- At an address for King in Hempstead where a search warrant was executed, police found in the garage the BMW in which the two men had driven away from the crime scene.
- King was arrested in Georgia on August 16 and extradited to New York.

Assistant District Attorneys Ryan Nicolosi, of the District Attorney's Homicide Bureau, is prosecuting the case with the assistance of Assistant District Attorney Jagnoor Lali under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys John W. Kosinski, Bureau Chief, Peter J. McCormack III, Senior Deputy Bureau Chief, and Karen Ross, Deputy Bureau Chief, and under the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Shawn Clark.

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

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