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QUEENS RESIDENT SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS IN PRISON
FOR KILLING 26-YEAR-OLD IN CAMBRIA HEIGHTS SHOOTING

Defendant Pleaded Guilty to Manslaughter

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz announced today that John Jahlik Hines, 27, has been sentenced to 20 years in prison after pleading guilty to manslaughter. The defendant admitted to killing a 26-year-old man in June 2018.

District Attorney Katz said, “The defendant ambushed and shot his victim, who was sitting in a parked car. We need to end the grief and suffering gun violence has caused for too many of our families here in Queens. The sentence by the Court brings a measure of justice to this senseless crime.”

Hines, of 111th Avenue in the Queens Village neighborhood of Queens, pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the first degree last month before Queens Supreme Court Justice Kenneth Holder. Today, Justice Holder sentenced the defendant to 20 years in prison, to be followed by five years’ post release supervision.

According to the charges, said DA Katz, at approximately 4:30 a.m., on June 3, 2018, the defendant approached Derrick Stansbury as he sat inside a van parked on 230th Street in Cambria Heights. The defendant pointed a gun toward the victim and fired multiple times into the vehicle. Mr. Stansbury died after being shot twice, once in the chest and once in the lower back.

The investigation was conducted by detectives assigned to the New York City Police Department’s 105th Precinct.

Senior Assistant District Attorney Tara DiGregorio, of the District Attorney’s Homicide Bureau, prosecuted 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 of Major Crimes Daniel Saunders.

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