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QUEENS MAN SENTENCED TO 22 YEARS-TO-LIFE IN PRISON FOR
2020 GANG-RELATED SHOOTING

Defendant Sentenced to 22 Years-to-Life in Prison for Attempted Murder as a Persistent Violent Felon

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz today announced that Otis Moore, 32, a reputed member of the Redfern Rowdy Gang and persistent felon, has been sentenced to a term of 22 years-to-life in prison. The defendant was convicted by a jury following a nine-day trial last month for a May 2020 gang-related shooting in the Dix McBride Apartments, also referred to as *Pinkfern* in Far Rockaway, Queens.

District Attorney Katz said, “This defendant endangered everyone in the community by firing an illegal weapon in a residential housing complex. Following a nine-day trial, a jury has determined that the defendant is guilty of a gang-related shooting in an attempt to take another human life.”

Moore, of Central Avenue in Far Rockaway, was found guilty by a jury last month following a nine-day trial sentenced before Queens Supreme Court Justice Michelle Johnson of attempted murder in the second degree, attempted assault in the first degree and two counts of criminal possession of a weapon in the second and third degree. Justice Johnson sentenced the defendant today as a mandatory persistent felon to a term of 22 years-to-life in prison.

According to court testimony, on May 17, 2020, video surveillance depicted Moore standing inside a building and firing a silver firearm at a 20-year-old man who was exiting a nearby residence. The victim was struck multiple times and the defendant fled on foot from the scene. The immediate response of police led to Moore’s identification and rapid apprehension.

District Attorney Katz said, the victim received medical attention at the scene and was taken to a local hospital for treatment of gunshot wounds to his leg.

The investigation was conducted by Detective Joseph Zappia and Detective Drew Solomon of the New York City Police Department’s 101st Precinct Detective Squad, under the supervision of Lieutenant Cortney Cummings.

Assistant District Attorney Barry Frankenstein, Section Chief of the District Attorney’s Violent Criminal Enterprise Bureau and Assistant District Attorney Diana Schioppi are prosecuting the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Jonathan Sennett, Bureau Chief, and Michelle Goldstein, Senior Deputy Chief and under the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Investigations Gerard Brave.

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