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**Brooklyn Man Convicted Of Murder For Shooting Death  
Of 28-Year-Old Following Argument in Flatbush**

*Defendant Faces Up To 25 Years To Life In Prison At Sentencing*

Brooklyn District Attorney Ken Thompson today announced that a 22-year-old man has been convicted of second-degree murder and second-degree criminal possession of a weapon for shooting to death an unarmed stranger following an argument at a local deli.

District Attorney Thompson said, "This defendant shot and killed an innocent man for no reason other than a bruised ego. The victim in this case never had a chance. This defendant has now been held accountable for his actions and faces a lengthy prison term at sentencing."

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Justin Sarkodie, 22, of Ocean Avenue, in Flatbush, Brooklyn. The defendant was convicted yesterday of one count of second-degree murder and one count of second-degree criminal possession of a weapon following a jury trial before Brooklyn Supreme Court Justice Neil Firetog, who set sentencing for February 5, 2015. The defendant faces up to 25 years to life in prison.

The District Attorney said that, according to trial testimony, on March 19, 2013, at approximately 11:15 a.m., the defendant followed the victim, Farrell Nestor, 28, to 490 East 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, where a friend of his lived, and shot the victim four times in a sixth floor hallway. Earlier that morning, Sarkodie and another man had been arguing at a deli located at the corner of Flatbush Avenue and Ditmas Avenue in Flatbush. During the argument Sarkodie threw a bottle, which struck Nestor, who was also at the deli. Sarkodie and Nestor then had a physical altercation. Sarkodie then called a friend, who brought a gun to the location, and they followed Nestor to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Street location, where Sarkodie shot him.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Emily Dean, of the District Attorney's Homicide Bureau, under the supervision of Kenneth Taub, Bureau Chief.