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COMMUNITY PARTNER IN JUSTICE NOTIFICATION

GANG MEMBER SENTENCED TO 30 YEARS TO LIFE FOR KILLING 79-YEAR-OLD BYSTANDER OUTSIDE BEDFORD-STUYVESANT BARBERSHOP

Brooklyn District Attorney Ken Thompson today announced that a 22-yearold Brooklyn gang member was sentenced to 30 years to life in prison for a 2011 shooting that killed a 79-year-old innocent bystander. On Sept. 28, 2011, the defendant, Breeze King, fired at two gang rivals, and his shot struck and killed Andrew Burke as he stood outside a barbershop on Marcus Garvey Ave. in Bedford-Stuyvesant. King was convicted of murder and criminal possession of a weapon on January 28, 2016.

District Attorney Thompson said, "This defendant opened fire in the middle of a busy street in broad daylight, killing an innocent elderly man. We will not allow gang members to settle their scores by shooting guns in our streets and the long sentence this defendant deservedly received shows our commitment to vigorously prosecute anyone who does."