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D.A. McMahon: Staten Island man convicted of Murder in the Second Degree

Asim Martinez ruthlessly shot victim 12 times; faces 41 years to life in prison

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. – Richmond County District Attorney Michael E. McMahon today announced that ASIM MARTINEZ has been convicted of Murder in the Second Degree for fatally shooting Tracy Francis.

MARTINEZ, 37, was convicted today following a week-long jury trial in State Supreme Court, St. George, before Justice William E. Garnett. The defendant had previously been found guilty of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, for which he is currently serving a sentence of 16 years to life in prison. The defendant's prior conviction on the murder charge was reversed on appeal. He now faces a maximum of 25 years to life in prison when he is sentenced on the murder charge on November 4, 2016.

“Asim Martinez brutally shot a man to death,” said District Attorney Michael E. McMahon. “The defendant will now be made to answer for committing such a heinous crime. I commend the jury’s decision and hope this successful prosecution brings some closure to the victim’s family. Let me also congratulate ADAs Jane Grinberg and Michele Molfetta for successfully retrying this case and securing a just conviction on behalf of the people of Staten Island.”

According to a four-count indictment and documents filed in court, on or about September 3, 2011, at about 12:24 a.m., at 141 Park Hill Avenue, MARTINEZ shot the victim 12 times, killing him. The defendant continued firing rounds at the victim as he was helpless on the floor.

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The case was prosecuted by ADA Jane Grinberg and ADA Michele Molfetta.

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Defendant Information:

ASIM MARTINEZ

D.O.B. 04/28/1979

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