

Testimony

My name is Madeline Brame, mother of homicide victim Sgt. Hason Correa. Hason was gang assaulted and stabbed to death by 4 people whom he did not know, the entire incident was captured on video. All 4 defendants were apprehended, charged and indicted on 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Gang Assault & 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Murder. The case proceeded through the Manhattan Criminal Courts under DA Cyrus Vance prosecuted by ADA's Jessica Troy and Sara Marquez who built and protected a strong trial ready Gang Assault and Murder case against all 4 defendants. There were never any motions submitted or plea bargains offered the case has been "Trial Ready" for over 3 years. In 2020 when Bail Reform went into effect, bail was reduced for the female defendant Mary Saunders from \$750,000 down to \$12,000 in which she bailed out of Rikers Island. Her charges and indictment remained the same; 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Gang Assault & 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Murder. The case proceeded slowly dragging on for 4 ½ years.

When Alvin Bragg took office the original ADA Jessica Troy left the Manhattan DA's Office like to many other Veteran ADA's after Bragg's day 1 memo of not prosecuting crime and reducing felonies down to misd. ADA Troy handed the "Strong Trial Ready Murder (Judge Althea Drysdale)" case over to ADA Keith Savino & ADA Dafna Yoran both Restorative Justice and soft on crime ADA's under DA Bragg. The case immediately began to fall apart with the complete dismissal of 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Gang Assault & 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Murder indictments against 2 of the defendants; Mary Saunders & Travis Stewart. I was told by ADA Yoran "Murder cases with 4 defendants have never been tried in Manhattan Criminal Courts and they didn't have the resources to try all 4 defendants". Mary Saunders ultimately plead guilty to a completely manufactured charge of "Assault with a shoe" and sentenced to 1 year time served in which DA Alvin Bragg Signed off on as well as for Travis Stewart on another bogus charge of "Attempted Gang Assault" in which he plead guilty and was sentenced to 7 years because of priors. None of the circumstances changed surrounding the brutal, savage butchering of my son. The only thing that changed was the Law and DA Alvin Bragg.

I sat through years of absolute torment and torture listening to the Defense vilify my son, referring to him as a "Fictional Character" and depicting the killers that killed him as upstanding members of the community. There were never any objections from the ADA Yoran or the Judge Carro. DA Bragg has demonstrated over and over again that he has no regard or concern for human life or victims of crime by instructing his ADA's to not prosecute violent recidivists and ultimately release them back to the streets to victimize and terrorize more innocent NYers.

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