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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS FOR FATAL STABBING OF
EX-GIRLFRIEND AFTER HE CAUSED VEHICLE CRASH
Defendant Rammed SUV on Pelham Parkway, Killed Victim Who Lay Trapped
in Overturned Vehicle**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced to 25 years in prison with five years post-release supervision for stabbing his former girlfriend to death as she lay trapped in an overturned vehicle that he had caused to crash on Pelham Parkway in 2013.

District Attorney Clark said, "This was a ferocious case of domestic violence. The victim, who had broken up with the defendant after he assaulted her and had obtained an order of protection, was stalked by him while she was on a date. The defendant caused their vehicle to crash and flip on its side, and he then stabbed the victim. He will now serve 25 years for a horrendous crime that devastated the victim's loved ones and left a young child motherless."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Dionis Espinal, 35, of 950 Woodycrest Avenue, was sentenced today to 25 years in prison and five years post-release supervision by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Denis Boyle. Espinal had pleaded guilty to first-degree Manslaughter on February 21, 2017.

According to the investigation, on August 28, 2013, at about 4 a.m., Espinal chased Katherine German, with whom he had a daughter, and a man as they drove in an SUV in the vicinity of Pelham Parkway and the New England Thruway. Espinal sped ahead of them in his car, made a U-turn and rammed their SUV, causing it to overturn. He then reached in the passenger window and stabbed German multiple times in the neck.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney David Birnbaum, Trial Counsel in the Domestic Violence Bureau, under the supervision of Amy Litwin, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau, and the overall supervision of Joseph Muroff, Chief of the Special Victims Division.

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