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**MAN SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS TO LIFE IN PRISON FOR
1989 COLD CASE MURDER OF BRONX TEEN
Defendant Threw Victim Off Roof; DNA Hit Led To His Arrest in 2016**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a man has been sentenced to 25 years to life in prison for the 1989 murder of a 17-year-old Bronx girl.

District Attorney Clark said, “The defendant, who served time in prison for rape and other crimes while the killing of this teenage girl remained unsolved, will now spend many years in prison for taking her life. I hope today’s sentence brings some relief to the victim’s family, who spent nearly 30 years painfully waiting for justice for their loved one.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Scott Parrilla, 48, was sentenced today to 25 years to life in prison by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Steven Barrett. A jury found the defendant guilty of second-degree Murder on December 5, 2018.

According to the investigation, on August 6, 1989, the defendant walked the victim, Noelis Bayanilla, 17, home at about 5 a.m., and they went up to the roof of a five-story building at 2645 Morris Avenue in the Bronx. The victim and the defendant, who was 19 years old at the time, began to argue after she refused to have sex with him. As she tried to leave the scene, a struggle ensued, and the defendant grabbed the victim and pushed her off the roof. She died from her injuries in Jacobi Hospital two days after the incident.

According to the investigation, several witnesses confirmed the defendant was the last person the teen was seen with, however he could not be charged because of lack of evidence. After a friend of the victim called police in 2015 inquiring about the murder, the Bronx Homicide Squad reopened the case. Fingernail scrapings of the victim were tested, and they matched the defendant’s DNA that was on file from a 1993 Rape/Attempted Murder conviction in the Bronx. Parrilla was arrested on March 14, 2016 as he left Rikers Island after serving time for larceny.

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The case was prosecuted by L. Newton Mendys, Deputy Chief of Trial Bureau 60, and formerly of the Homicide Bureau, second-sat by Assistant District Attorney Morgan Mickelsen of Trial Bureau 50, under the supervision of Christine Scaccia, Chief of the Homicide Bureau, and the overall supervision of James Brennan, Deputy Chief of the Trial Division, and Theresa Gottlieb, Chief of the Trial Division. District Attorney Clark thanked Detective Matthew McCrosson of the Bronx Homicide Squad for his assistance in the case.

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