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## **BRONX MAN CONVICTED OF STRANGLING GIRLFRIEND SENTENCED TO MAXIMUM TERM OF 25 YEARS IN PRISON**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced to 25 years in prison for first-degree Manslaughter in the strangling of his girlfriend in 2015.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant was convicted by a jury in the strangulation of his girlfriend inside his apartment. Now he will spend many years in prison for this senseless killing."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Christopher Coachman, 54, of 721 East 221<sup>st</sup> Street, was sentenced today by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Miriam Best to 25 years in prison. He was convicted by a jury of first-degree Manslaughter on April 11, 2018.

According to the investigation, on August 10, 2015, inside Coachman's apartment, Coachman and Alexis Beck, 50, were drinking alcohol and smoking crack. He strangled her, and after she died he lay in the bed with her. He spent 18 hours in the apartment with her lifeless body. He called a friend to say he "did something bad" and left the apartment. The friend notified police, who went to the apartment and found the victim. The defendant later turned himself in to police.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys David Birnbaum, Trial Counsel in the Domestic Violence Bureau, and Heather McMahon, of the Domestic Violence Bureau, under the supervision of Adrienne Giunta, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau, and the overall supervision of Joseph Muroff, Chief of the Special Victims Division. District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Detective Robert Salerno of the 47<sup>th</sup> Precinct Squad for his assistance in the case.