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MAN SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS TO LIFE IN PRISON IN 1993 MURDER OF 20-YEAR-OLD WOMAN IN THE BRONX Cold Case Solved in 2015 When Defendant's DNA Linked to Strangling of Victim

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Brooklyn man was sentenced to 25 years to life in prison following his conviction for second-degree Murder in the 1993 killing of the mother of his child.

District Attorney Clark said, "The sentence proves that criminals cannot escape justice. The defendant strangled and stabbed the 20-year-old Michelle Page, who was the mother of his child and was working and studying business at Manhattan Community College. It took two decades but, thanks to DNA science, the defendant will go to prison for many years for this heinous crime."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Jonathan Jolivert, 49, of 338 Forbell Street, Brooklyn, N.Y., was sentenced today by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Michael A. Gross to 25 years to life in prison. The defendant was found guilty by a jury on June 5, 2018 of second-degree Murder.

According to the investigation, on March 24, 1993, Jolivert had stopped by Michelle Page's apartment on Morris Avenue in order to give her some child support money. The victim's mother subsequently entered the apartment and found her daughter lying on the floor with a scarf on her neck that had been used as ligature to strangle her. She was also found with a kitchen knife plunged into her throat. The 14-month-old son she shared with Jolivert was not at home at the time.

The defendant was linked to the murder by the NYPD's Cold Case Squad through DNA that was found under Page's fingernails. Jolivert was arrested and indicted on second-degree Murder in 2015.



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The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Masateru Marubashi of the Homicide Bureau and Assistant District Attorney Paul Rosenfeld, Senior Homicide Counsel, under the supervision of Christine Scaccia, Chief of the Homicide Bureau, and the overall supervision of Theresa Gottlieb, Chief of the Trial Division. District Attorney Clark thanked her Detective Investigator, Modesto Acevedo, for his assistance in the investigation, and NYPD Detectives Steven Berger and Pedro Toledo of the Bronx Cold Case Squad.