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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS IN PRISON FOR KILLING
PREGNANT DAUGHTER**
Defendant Hit Victim With Hammer And Strangled Her; Hid Body In His Closet

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced to 25 years in prison for the brutal death of his daughter who was nearly five months pregnant.

District Attorney Clark said, “The defendant heartlessly killed his 39-year-old daughter, who was expecting a baby, by hitting her with a hammer and strangling her. He then hid her body in a hole in his closet. I hope today’s sentence brings some justice to the victim’s fiancée and loved ones.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, William Caruth, 64, who lived at 3242 Corsa Avenue with his daughter, was sentenced to 25 years in prison and 5 years post-release supervision by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Robert Neary. Caruth was convicted by a jury of first-degree Manslaughter on May 18, 2018.

According to the investigation, on or between January 3, 2016 and January 6, 2016, at the residence he and the victim lived in, the defendant caused the death of Andrea Caruth by blunt force trauma and ligature strangulation. The victim sustained multiple blows to the head and suffered skull fractures and brain injuries.

According to the investigation, the victim’s family became worried when she went missing on January 3, 2016. The victim’s fiancée then called the police and a search ensued. During the search, police found a garbage bag with a red stain inside the defendant’s closet, which was later identified as blood. After obtaining a search warrant, police found the victim’s body on January 6, 2016 with a rope around her neck in a hole inside the defendant’s closet, which had been covered up with plywood. Police also found a shoe inside the hole and a matching shoe in the defendant’s car, which had DNA matching the victim’s blood. The defendant’s DNA was also found under the victim’s finger nails.

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The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney L. Newton Mendys, Supervisor in the Homicide Bureau, and Assistant District Attorney Rasheim Donaldson, of the Public Integrity Bureau, 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 NYPD Detective Kristian Flood of the 47th Precinct and Bronx Homicide Detective Christopher Skulsky for their assistance in the investigation.

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