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BRONX MAN INDICTED IN 2009 MURDER OF WOMAN HE WAS DATING
Defendant Allegedly Bashed Victim's Head, Causing Her Death;
DNA Evidence Hit Last Year Led to Solving of Case

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been indicted for the 2009 murder of a 39-year-old woman after new DNA evidence emerged.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant allegedly killed the victim, whom he knew, by bludgeoning her in the head. DNA evidence led to the defendant and we renewed our investigation in 2017. This indictment shows that victims are never forgotten, and we will use every available technology and science to pursue justice for them."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Robert Hopkins, 37, who is currently incarcerated for separate cases in Brooklyn and Manhattan, was arraigned on second-degree Murder before Bronx Supreme Court Justice George Villegas. The defendant was remanded is due back in court on February 25, 2019.

According to the investigation, on or about and between December 22, 2009 and December 23, 2009, at 1409 Fulton Avenue, the Bronx, the defendant bludgeoned Cynthia Souser, 39, of the Bronx. Authorities got a lead in the case in November 2017 through DNA testing of evidence that was found at the scene of the crime.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Masateru Marubashi of the Homicide 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 Assistant District Attorney Raymond Valerio, Chief of the Forensic Sciences Unit, for his assistance in the investigation. District Attorney Clark also thanked NYPD Detectives Barry Sullivan and Dionisio Solis of Bronx Homicide and Detective Ronnie Wilkerson of Bronx Cold Case for their assistance.

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