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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR STABBING
ELDERLY WOMAN TO DEATH AND FOR ASSAULTING NYPD COP
Jury Found Defendant Guilty of Manslaughter and Other Charges**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced to 25 years in prison for Manslaughter in the fatal stabbing of a 69-year-old woman. The defendant was also sentenced to five years in prison for Assault and three and a half years to seven years in prison for Reckless Endangerment.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant carried out a series of appalling acts; first by viciously stabbing his former landlady in her home's basement. He then returned to the scene of the crime and attempted to conceal his actions by trying to blow up the victim's home. About a week after the murder, he assaulted a NYPD Police Officer who had stopped him on the street."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Nakia Bent, 39, who at the time of the incident had been recently released from jail after serving time for assaulting his ex-wife, was sentenced to prison today by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Steven Barrett. Bent was sentenced to 25 years in prison for first-degree Manslaughter, three and a half years to seven years in prison for first-degree Reckless Endangerment, and five years for second-degree Assault, to be served consecutively. A jury found the defendant guilty of the charges on November 7, 2019.

According to the investigation, on or about and between October 8-9, 2016 the defendant went to 886 Crawford Avenue, where his ex-wife lived on the first floor. The defendant entered through the basement apartment where Lilawate Ramsaran, 69, lived alone. He stabbed Ramsaran 19 times, including 14 times in the back, causing her death. On October 9, 2016, he returned to the victim's home, disconnected the stove's gas line and lit candles inside the apartment. The defendant's ex-wife called 911 after smelling gas and FDNY Firemen found Ramsaran. She was pronounced dead at the scene. According to the FDNY, the house was dangerously close to exploding when Firemen arrived, endangering the lives of the defendant's ex-wife, her 14-year-old son and another individual.

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On October 17, 2016, the defendant assaulted a NYPD Police Officer of the 47th Precinct after the cop stopped him on the street. Bent bit the Officer on his arm, breaking the skin and causing him to seek medical attention at a hospital.

Bent was arrested for Ramsaran's death on April 11, 2017, after his DNA was identified from the crime scene.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Karl Miller of the Homicide Bureau, under the supervision of Christine Scaccia, Chief of the Homicide Bureau, and under 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 Robert Regnier of the 47th Precinct and retired Detective Matthew McCrosson of Bronx Homicide for their assistance in the investigation.

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