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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS TO LIFE IN PRISON FOR  
FATALLY STABBING GIRLFRIEND  
Jury Found Defendant Guilty of Second-Degree Murder**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced to 25 years to life in prison for killing his girlfriend.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant viciously stabbed his girlfriend of two years more than a dozen times with an ice pick. The defendant had attacked her with an ice pick a year before the fatal incident. A jury convicted him of second-degree Murder and he has received many years in prison, sending a clear message that Domestic Violence will not be tolerated in the Bronx."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Brandi Simmons, 46, of 2444 Devoe Terrace, was sentenced today to 25 years to life in prison by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Judith Lieb. A jury found the defendant guilty of second-degree Murder on October 31, 2019.

According to the investigation, at about 3 p.m. on February 19, 2015 at 20 West 190<sup>th</sup> Street, the defendant stabbed Delores Scott, 52, his girlfriend, 13 times with an ice pick. Video surveillance shows the defendant hiding the murder weapon near a window. The mortally wounded victim was able to identify the defendant to responding NYPD Police Officers and told them Simmons had stabbed her. The defendant lied to cops that two other men had stabbed her and that they had attacked him too.

Two wounds, one in the heart and another in the lung, contributed to the victim's death. She was pronounced dead at St. Barnabas Hospital the following day.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney David Birnbaum, Trial Counsel in the Domestic Violence Bureau, and Assistant District Attorney Heather McMahon, of the Domestic Violence Bureau, under the supervision of Adrienne Giunta, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau, and under the overall supervision of Joseph Muroff, Chief of the Special Victims Division. District Attorney Clark thanked Assistant District Attorney Kathryn Falasca, Supervisor in the Domestic Violence Bureau, and Nereida Vera, Trial Preparation Assistant in the Domestic Violence Bureau, for their assistance in the case. District Attorney Clark also thanked NYPD Detective Thomas Woulfe of the Gun Violence Suppression Division, formerly of the Anti-Crime Unit.