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**BRONX WOMAN INDICTED FOR ASSAULT FOR ILLEGAL SILICONE  
INJECTIONS IN HER BRONX HOME**  
**Other Possible Victims Are Encouraged To Contact Police**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx woman has been indicted for Assault and other charges for allegedly carrying out an illegal silicone cosmetic procedure on a 39-year-old woman.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant allegedly conducted a dangerous, illegal cosmetic procedure that left the victim with substantial pain. We hope this indictment reminds the public that they should not undergo these unauthorized procedures that can gravely threaten their health."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Whalesca Castillo, 44, of 2219 Seward Avenue, was arraigned today on second-degree Assault, Unauthorized Practice and third-degree Assault before Bronx Supreme Court Justice George Villegas. The defendant is due back in court on June 3, 2019.

According to the investigation, on or about February 10, 2018, in the defendant's home, Castillo conducted an unauthorized cosmetic procedure and injected silicone substance into the body of a 39-year-old Bronx woman. The botched procedure, which was done in an effort to enhance the buttocks of the victim, left her with extensive infections and pain in her buttocks and thighs. The victim also has to undergo surgery to remove most of the tissue in the affected area.

The defendant, who does not have a license to practice medicine or cosmetic surgery, was indicted in second-degree Manslaughter, Criminally Negligent Homicide and Unauthorized Practice earlier this year for a separate procedure in which a woman died. Anyone with information about other possible victims of the defendant are encouraged to call the 43<sup>rd</sup> Precinct Detective Squad at (718) 542-5530.

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The case is being 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 NYPD Detectives Carmen Torres of the 43rd Precinct Detective Squad and Anthony Velez of the Bronx Homicide Squad for their assistance.

**An indictment is an accusatory instrument and not proof of a defendant's guilt.**

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