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**BRONX MAN INDICTED IN STABBING OF WOMAN  
WHOSE BODY WAS FOUND BADLY DECOMPOSED  
IN UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS APARTMENT**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been indicted for Murder and Manslaughter in the fatal stabbing of his girlfriend.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant allegedly stabbed the victim, his girlfriend, in the apartment they shared. First responders discovered the victim's body severely decomposed in the bedroom."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Luis Severino, 49, of 2414 University Avenue, was arraigned today on second-degree Murder and first-degree Manslaughter before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Robert Torres. The defendant was returned to Federal Custody where he is held on an unrelated matter and is due back in court on October 30, 2019.

According to the investigation, on or about and between June 13, 2019 and July 12, 2019, the defendant caused the death of Cindi Olivo, 32, by stabbing her in the neck. The defendant fled the scene, and the victim's body was found on July 12, 2019 after neighbors called 911 to report a foul odor on their building floor.

The defendant was arrested on October 15, 2019 after an investigation.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Masateru Marubashi of the Homicide Bureau and Assistant District Attorney Megan Leo of the Domestic Violence 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 Anthony Velez of the Bronx Homicide Squad and NYPD Detective Anthony Caltabiano of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Precinct for their assistance in the investigation.

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