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**MAN INDICTED FOR MURDER FOR STABBING WIFE  
IN THEIR APARTMENT IN HOMELESS SHELTER**  
**Killing Happened with Their Two Babies Present**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a man has been indicted for Murder, Manslaughter and other charges for stabbing his wife to death inside a Bronx homeless shelter.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant allegedly stabbed his 19-year-old wife in their apartment in a homeless shelter, where their toddler and infant were present. It was a shocking and traumatizing incident for the staff and other people in the building. We must do all we can to prevent these horrendous acts of domestic violence."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Ernesto Valerio, 24, was arraigned today on second-degree Murder, first-degree Manslaughter, Criminal Possession of a Weapon and two counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Margaret Clancy. The defendant was remanded and is due back in court on January 16, 2020.

According to the investigation, on October 2, 2019, the defendant allegedly stabbed his wife, Emilsy Calix, 19, in the face, neck and chest with a kitchen knife in their apartment in 285 East 171<sup>st</sup> Street. The couple's two-year-old daughter and five-months-old daughter were present. Security guards in the shelter heard screams and went to the apartment. The defendant told them his wife went to the store and one of the children had fallen. As the guards went to the lobby to check the sign-out book the defendant left the scene, leaving his two children at the shelter. The guards returned to the couple's apartment and found the body of the victim in the bathtub. The defendant fled and was arrested that night in the Bronx.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Allison Kline and Kristin Collado of the Domestic Violence Bureau, under the supervision of Adrienne Giunta, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau, and the overall supervision of Joseph Muroff, Chief of the Special

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Victims Division. District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Detectives Christopher Napoli and Andre Smith of the 44<sup>th</sup> Precinct Squad and NYPD Detective Keith Walker of Bronx Homicide for their assistance in the case.

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

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