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**BRONX MOTHER SENTENCED IN MURDER-FOR-HIRE PLOT  
Enlisted Undercover Cop to Kill Man to Keep Him from Testifying  
Against Her Son, Who Allegedly Shot Him**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx mother has been sentenced to prison for hiring a hitman to kill a man to keep him from testifying against her son, who is charged in the non-fatal shooting of the man two months earlier.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant, a Bronx mother whose son allegedly shot a man, hired a hitman to finish the job. She paid \$1,000 to the supposed hitman, who was actually an undercover detective. The defendant will now go to prison for trying to end someone's life and for trying to subvert the criminal justice system."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Annette Spann, 45, of 1010 East 178 Street, was sentenced today to two and one-third years to seven years in prison by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Robert Neary, via video. The defendant pleaded guilty to second-degree Conspiracy on May 26, 2020.

According to the investigation, on the night of November 14, 2019, Spann met with an undercover detective who she believed was a hitman. Spann is seen on video counting money and paying the detective \$1,000 for the hit job. Spann provided specific information about the intended victim's whereabouts and associates. Spann was arrested on November 22, 2019. Her son, Candido Lizarro, AKA Candido Lizarra, 26, was arrested on December 11, 2019 in Florida for allegedly shooting the victim on September 2, 2019 and was extradited to the Bronx. The case against him is pending.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Julia Gordon, Supervisor in the Violent Criminal Enterprise Bureau, under the supervision of Denise Kodjo, Deputy Chief of the Violent Criminal Enterprise Bureau, and Julie Trivedi, Chief of the Violent Criminal Enterprise Bureau, and under the overall supervision of Tarek Rahman, Deputy Chief of the Investigations Division, and Wanda Perez-Maldonado, Chief of the Investigations Division. District Attorney Clark thanked Jeanette Pol, Trial Preparation Assistant in the Violent Criminal Enterprise Bureau, for her assistance.



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District Attorney Clark thanked Vladimir Kocheulov, Chief of the Crime Strategies Bureau, and Analysts of the Crime Strategies Bureau for their assistance in the case. District Attorney Clark also thanked Detective Ravi Narayan of the NYPD Firearms Suppression Division, Detective Victor Cardona of the NYPD Intelligence Bureau, Detective Randy Kyrk of the NYPD Bronx Warrant Squad and Detective Andrew Nash of the 48<sup>th</sup> Precinct.

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