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**MAN INDICTED FOR MURDERING ESTRANGED WIFE
Defendant Stabbed Victim Multiple Times After Lying in Wait in Her Home**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a man has been indicted for second-degree Murder and additional charges for stabbing his estranged wife in her home.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant allegedly sought out a key to the victim's home, waited for her arrival, and repeatedly stabbed her, leading to her death. He stole a mother away from two children. We will seek justice for this heinous act and continue to hold perpetrators of domestic violence accountable."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Exiquio Castillo, 47, last of 840 Grand Concourse, was arraigned today on second-degree Murder, first-degree Manslaughter, fourth-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon, and fourth-degree Criminal Mischief before Bronx Supreme Court Justice George Villegas. The defendant was remanded and is due back in court on June 1, 2022.

According to the investigation, in the early morning hours of February 16, 2022 inside her home in the Van Nest section, the defendant allegedly entered Flor Recio Noble's home, knowing she wasn't there. While waiting for her to return, he allegedly slashed furniture, clothing, and the bed, and destroyed televisions and personal items.

When Recio Noble arrived home, the defendant allegedly pulled her inside while holding a knife. A friend who was with the victim attempted to stop the defendant by wrestling away the knife. The defendant retrieved a second knife from the kitchen and stabbed Recio Noble multiple times. The victim was taken to a nearby hospital and died from her wounds.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Allison Kline of the Domestic Violence Bureau, under the supervision of Agata DiGiovanni, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau, and under the overall supervision of Adrienne Giunta, Deputy Chief of Special Victims Division, and Joseph Muroff, Chief of Special Victims Division.

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District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Detective Manuel Figueroa of the 43rd Precinct and Detective Sheldon Smith of Bronx Homicide for their work in the investigation.

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

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