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**BRONX MAN INDICTED FOR MURDERING HIS NYPD OFFICER WIFE  
Defendant Stabbed Victim Multiple Times About the Body**

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

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant allegedly went to the home of his estranged wife, who served in the NYPD Transit Bureau, confronted her, then stabbed her multiple times, causing her death. She leaves behind a young child. I send my condolences to her family and extended NYPD family who lost a dedicated public servant to domestic violence."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Argenis Baez, 33, last of 2785 Sedgwick Avenue, was arraigned today on second-degree Murder, first-degree Manslaughter, and fourth-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Ralph Fabrizio. The defendant was remanded and is due back in court on October 12, 2022.

According to the investigation, at approximately 2:06 a.m. on June 13, 2022, the defendant allegedly went to the apartment of Arianna Reyes, 31, his estranged wife and the mother of his child, and confronted her. Baez allegedly struggled with Reyes and made his way into her home. The defendant allegedly stabbed Reyes eight times in the chest, leg, back, and torso with a knife. Baez fled the scene, and the victim was pronounced dead at the scene. The defendant turned himself into authorities and was arrested later that day. The child was not in the apartment when Baez allegedly killed Reyes.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney David Birnbaum, Trial Counsel in the Domestic Violence Bureau, and Assistant District Attorney William Browne, Supervisor in 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 the Special Victims Division, and Joseph Muroff, Chief of the Special Victims Division.

District Attorney Clark thanked Trial Preparation Assistants Donal Culhane and Janelle



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Krigger of the Domestic Violence Bureau for their assistance.

District Attorney Clark also thanked NYPD Detective Vincent Trozzi of the 44<sup>th</sup> Precinct and NYPD Detective Brianna Constantino of Bronx Homicide for their work in the investigation; and the entire NYPD Transit Bureau family for their support.

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

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