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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS TO LIFE IN PRISON FOR FATALLY
STRANGLING MOTHER-IN-LAW**
Victim's Grandchildren Witnessed Part of Killing

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced to 25 years to life in prison for second-degree Murder in the strangling of his mother-in-law in her apartment in 2019.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant killed the grandmother of his children while his three children were in her home. Two of them witnessed the murder and are living with that trauma. A jury found him guilty of second-degree Murder and he will spend many years in prison for destroying so many lives in a single heinous act."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Angel Montanez, 42, last of 1269 Sheridan Avenue, was sentenced today to 25 years to life in prison by Westchester County Supreme Court Justice James McCarty, formerly of Bronx Supreme Court. The defendant was found guilty of second-degree Murder by a jury on May 25, 2022 after a trial before Justice McCarty.

According to the investigation, at approximately 3:00 a.m. on July 3, 2019, the defendant was in the apartment of Lidia Herrera, 65, on Sheridan Avenue, where his then four-year-old daughter, six-year-old son and 10-year-old son were and began arguing with Herrera. Montanez punched her in the head, then strangled Herrera by wrapping an HDMI cord around her neck.

The incident took place in a room near where the children slept. The argument and struggle woke two of the children. They went to check on their grandmother and witnessed the murder. Herrera was pronounced dead at the scene. The victim suffered a fractured hyoid bone and thyroid cartilage, and sustained abrasions and bruising on her face and body.

The case was prosecuted by Felicity Lung, Deputy Bureau Chief of the Community Justice Bureau, with the assistance of Assistant District Attorney Jonathan Abramovitz, Supervisor in the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, under the supervision of Christine Scaccia, Chief of the



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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 Trial Preparation Assistant Anthony Okaneme of the Community Justice Bureau for his assistance in the case.

District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Detectives Justin Prieto and Jose Mercedes of the 44th Precinct, and NYPD Detective Sasha Brugal of Bronx Homicide for their work in the investigation.