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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 24 YEARS IN PRISON
FOR KILLING HIS MOTHER
Victim was Found Bludgeoned to Death in Her Bedroom**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark announced today that a Bronx man has been sentenced to 24 years in prison and five years post-release supervision for fatally beating his mother with a baseball bat in their apartment in the Hunts Point neighborhood of the Bronx.

District Attorney Clark said, "It's unfathomable that someone would kill their own mother in such a brutal way. The defendant will be spending decades behind bars for this horrific attack. We stand with the family of the victim who lost a loving mother and grandmother."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Steven Castro, 43, last of Seneca Avenue, the Bronx, was sentenced on April 21, 2023, to 24 years in prison and five years post-release supervision by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Ralph Fabrizio. The defendant pleaded guilty to first-degree Manslaughter on March 21, 2023.

According to the investigation, in the early morning hours of October 28, 2020, inside the defendant's apartment where he lived with his mother, Carmen Aponte, the defendant repeatedly struck her in the head with a baseball bat, killing her. Castro told investigators he hit his mother multiple times with the bat and then tossed the weapon into a nearby river. He told police that he was jealous that his mother was giving gifts to his brother's children and not his own. He told investigators he felt like the black sheep in his family.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Burim Namani, Senior Homicide Counsel in the Homicide Bureau under the supervision of Christine Scaccia, Chief of the Homicide Bureau, and under the overall supervision of James Brennan, Deputy Chief of the Trial Division, and Theresa Gottlieb, Chief of the Trial Division.

District Attorney Clark thanked the 41st Precinct Detective Squad and Bronx Homicide Squad for their work on the case.



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