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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS TO LIFE IN PRISON FOR SHOOTING
AND KILLING HIS WIFE AND STEPSON IN 2016**
Defendant Was Convicted by Jury of First-Degree Murder

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced to 25 years to life in prison for fatally shooting his wife and stepson in their Claremont apartment in 2016.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant callously shot and killed his wife and stepson inside the apartment they shared while each were lying in their beds. He then went to the stove and turned all the gas burners, releasing gas into the apartment in the hopes an explosion would cover up his actions. These were cold-blooded murders, and now he has been sentenced to 25 years to life in prison for killing his family."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Antonio Robinson, 56, last of 1763 Fulton Avenue, was sentenced today by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Jeanette Rodriguez-Morick to 25 years to life in prison. On November 1, 2022, the defendant was found guilty after a jury trial of one count of first-degree Murder for killing more than one person in a single act.

According to the investigation, on October 1, 2016 at approximately 3:00 p.m., the defendant went to the room of Tyrone Bell, 27, who was watching television and eating snacks. The defendant shot Bell twice in the face, causing his death. The defendant then went to the other bedroom where Sharon Epps, 50, was resting and shot her in the head, neck and torso, causing her death. After shooting the victims, the defendant attempted to conceal the homicides by opening the gas jets. The defendant left the home and returned after four hours. Noticing that the gas leak did not cause a fire, the defendant ran to the neighbors' apartment and said he found his wife and stepson dead. The Fire Department arrived for the gas leak, then police came and arrested the defendant.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Trial Assistant District Attorney Antonio Castro of the Homicide Bureau, and Senior Trial Assistant District Attorney Lisa Ortolano of Trial Bureau 30, under the supervision of Christine Scaccia, Chief of the Homicide Bureau, and under the overall



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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 Kimberly Cameron of the Homicide Bureau, Peter Kennedy, Chief of the Technical Investigation Bureau, Lab Director Selena Ley and Cell Site Analyst Oladimeji Gbolade, both of the Digital Forensic Lab, Intelligence Analyst Daniel Walker of the Crime Strategies Bureau, and Video Unit Supervisor Joao D'Alessandro for their assistance.

District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Detective Carlos Lozada of the 42nd Precinct, NYPD Detective Sean O'Leary of Bronx Homicide, and FDNY Lieutenant Daniel Harrington, FDNY Firefighter Kevin McGookin and FDNY Firefighter Michael Bolnik for their work in the investigation.

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