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**BROOKLYN MAN SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS IN PRISON FOR STRANGLING
WOMAN; HER TWO YOUNG CHILDREN WERE LOCKED IN APARTMENT
WITH HER BODY FOR A DAY**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Brooklyn man has been sentenced to 25 years in prison for first-degree Manslaughter in the fatal strangling of a Bronx mother in 2019.

District Attorney Clark said, "A 5-year-old-boy and his 3-year-old sister were home when their mother was killed, and then left alone for a day with her body before they were discovered. The boy, now nine years old, bravely testified at the trial and helped get justice for his mother. The defendant will now serve many years in prison for this horrendous act."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Asun Thomas, 49, of Porter Avenue, Brooklyn, was sentenced today to 25 years in prison and five years post-release supervision by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Jeanette Rodriguez-Morick. The defendant was found guilty by a jury of first-degree Manslaughter on October 12, 2023, the four-year anniversary of the killing.

According to the investigation, on October 12, 2019, at approximately 7:45 A.M. inside of 519 E. 187th Street, the defendant, who was released in 2016 from a prison sentence for Manslaughter, fatally strangled Luz Miriam Perez, 40, an acquaintance. The victim's children, her 5-year-old son and her 3-year-old daughter, were both home at the time.

After killing the victim, the defendant exited the apartment and fled the scene, leaving the children stranded inside the locked apartment with their deceased mother. They were not discovered until the next day, over 24 hours later, when a passerby observed the children banging on the apartment window calling for help. The defendant surrendered himself to the 48th Precinct on December 24, 2019.

The case was prosecuted by Nicholas DiCostanzo, Homicide Assistant, under the supervision of Christine Scaccia, Chief of the Homicide Bureau, and James Brennan, Deputy



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Chief of the Trial Division, and Theresa Gottlieb, Chief of the Trial Division. District Attorney Clark thanked former Assistant District Attorney Eric Hirsch and Crime Victims /Homicide Advocate Carina Diaz for their assistance with the case.

District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Detective Andrew Snider of the 48th Precinct Squad and NYPD Detective Sean Butler of Bronx Homicide for their work in the investigation.