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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS TO LIFE IN PRISON FOR
SHOOTING WOMAN IN CITY ISLAND CONSTRUCTION SITE
Defendant was Convicted by Jury**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man was sentenced to 25 years to life in prison after shooting a woman who was working at a City Island construction site, after finding out she was in a relationship.

Bronx District Attorney Clark said, “The defendant shot the victim, Lizbeth Mass, three times in the middle of her shift during a fit of jealous rage. Lizbeth was beloved in her community and was senselessly killed. After a 15-day trial, the jury reached a guilty verdict, and the defendant will now spend decades behind bars for the death of a working mother.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Jose Reyes, 69, of 321 East 150th Street was sentenced today to 25 years to life in prison by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Margaret Clancy. Reyes was sentenced to 25 years to life in prison for second-degree Murder and 15 years in Prison and five years of post-release supervision for second-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon, which will run concurrently. He was found guilty of the charges after a jury trial.

According to the investigation, on the afternoon of April 14, 2021, the defendant went to the construction site on 636 City Island Avenue where Mass, 52, worked. Reyes, who was acquainted with Mass, became enraged when he saw her boyfriend at the site and realized she was in a relationship. The defendant left the scene and returned on a bicycle. The boyfriend of the victim saw Reyes on his bike and was concerned he would do something to Mass. He followed Reyes in his car and saw the defendant shoot Mass. She was shot a total of three times, once each in the back, leg, and hip with a revolver which was taken from the defendant’s employer’s home. The boyfriend ran over the defendant with his vehicle and he, along with other individuals, restrained Reyes until police arrived. The victim was taken to Jacobi Medical Center where she was pronounced dead about an hour after the shooting.



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The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Burim Namani, Counsel in the Homicide Bureau, and Assistant District Attorney Adam Thomas of Trial Bureau 30, 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 Trial Preparation Assistants Jonathan Campa Pantaleon, Jazmine Pagoada, Omalia Bush, Jonathan Romero, Mateo Urrego, and Yoisy Jiminez, all of the Homicide Bureau.

District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Detective Francis Orlando formerly of the Bronx Homicide Squad and NYPD Detective Kristopher Persaud of the 45th Precinct for their assistance in the investigation.