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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS TO LIFE IN PRISON FOR MURDER OF
ESTRANGED WIFE WITH THEIR YOUNG DAUGHTERS PRESENT**
Defendant Repeatedly Shot Her, Girls Saw Mother's Lifeless Body

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man was sentenced to 20 years to life in prison for second-degree Murder for killing his estranged wife in her apartment while their daughters, ages 11 and six years old, were home.

District Attorney Clark said, "This defendant shot the mother of his young daughters, and let them see her lifeless body. He took their mother away and traumatized these girls. We hope his decades in prison bring some solace to them."

District Attorney Clark said Lacon Brown, 50, last of Monroe Avenue, was sentenced today to 20 years to life in prison for second-degree Murder by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Audrey Stone. He pleaded guilty to that charge on September 26, 2025.

According to the investigation, on August 23, 2023, inside an apartment at 660 Arnow Avenue in the Allerton section, Brown shot Cindy Maxwell, 45, multiple times, killing her. Maxwell's two young daughters, 11 and six years old were home and heard the gunshots. The defendant then forced them to get dressed and step over their mother's body as they fled the apartment. He took them to his mother's home in the Bronx. He did not call 911 or tell anyone where he had taken the girls.

On August 26, 2023, police officers responded to 911 calls for a foul odor coming from the victim's apartment. They found the victim's body inside, covered in a blanket. The floor was bloody and there were multiple bullet holes in the wall. The defendant was traced to his mother's



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apartment, where a loaded gun was recovered.

The case was prosecuted by William Browne, Supervisor, and Assistant District Attorney Emma Wardle of the Domestic Violence Bureau under the supervision of Agata DiGiovanni, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau, and under the overall supervision of Adrienne Giunta, Deputy Chief of Special Victims Division and Joe Muroff, Chief of Special Victims Division.

District Attorney Clark thanked Trial Preparation Assistant Dimitri Torres of the Domestic Violence Bureau and Violence Response Team/Homicide Advocate Supervisor Ana Pimental of the Crime Victims Assistance Bureau for their work on the case.

District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Detective Jonathan Burke of the Bronx Homicide Squad and Detective Miguel Adorno of the 49th Precinct for their work in the investigation.