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**BRONX WOMAN INDICTED FOR MANSLAUGHTER FOR
FATALLY BEATING PATIENT AT LINCOLN HOSPITAL
Defendant Was Sharing Room with Victim, Allegedly Attacked Her While She Slept**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx woman has been indicted on Manslaughter and Assault charges for fatally beating a female patient with whom she shared a room at NYC Health + Hospitals Lincoln.

District Attorney Clark said, “The victim was hospitalized for treatment and her roommate allegedly pummeled her while she was sleeping. The injuries were so severe that the victim was in a medically- induced coma and later died. No one should have to fear for their lives while being treated at our city’s hospitals.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Racquel Haughton, 44, last of Southern Boulevard, was arraigned today on first-degree Manslaughter, first-degree Assault, and second-degree Assault before Bronx Supreme Court Justice George Villegas. The defendant was remanded. She is due back in court on February 25, 2026.

According to the investigation, on September 10, 2025, at approximately 3:00 a.m., at NYC Health + Hospitals Lincoln, the defendant, who was receiving treatment, was sharing a room with Cynthia Vann, 55. Haughton allegedly approached the victim while she was sleeping and struck her multiple times in the head. Medical staff responded immediately to the room after hearing the victim yell. When they entered the room, the defendant was watching television. The victim was later placed into a medically induced coma and died on September 27, 2025. The defendant was arrested on October 20, 2025.

The case is being prosecuted by Major Case Assistant District Attorney Sonja Jamelo of the Homicide Bureau, under the supervision of Burim Namani, Deputy Chief of the Homicide Bureau, Christine Scaccia, Chief of the Homicide Bureau, and under the overall supervision of James Brennan, Deputy Chief of Trial Division, and Theresa Gottlieb, Chief of Trial Division.



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District Attorney Clark thanked Detective Frankie Soler of the Bronx Homicide Task Force for his work on the case.

An indictment is an accusatory instrument and not proof of a defendant's guilt.