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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS TO LIFE IN PRISON FOR
FATALLY STABBING ESTRANGED WIFE
Defendant Ambushed Victim In Her Apartment**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced to 20 years to life in prison after pleading guilty to viciously stabbing his estranged wife when she returned home.

District Attorney Clark said, “The defendant waited inside the victim’s home. When she returned, he viciously stabbed her multiple times, leading to her death. Now, he is being held accountable for this crime that left two children motherless.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Exiquio Castillo, 50, of the Bronx, was sentenced today to 20 years to life in prison for second-degree Murder by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Audrey Stone. He pleaded guilty on January 22, 2025.

According to the facts established during the investigation, on February 16, 2022, in the early morning, the defendant entered the home of Flor Recio Noble, with whom he was estranged, when she was not at home. Castillo vandalized the apartment, destroying pillows, clothing, couches, art on the walls, televisions, and other personal items with a knife.

When Recio Noble returned home, the defendant pulled her inside while holding a knife. A friend who was with her wrestled the knife away from Castillo. He then grabbed another knife and stabbed Recio Noble multiple times. She died at a hospital from her wounds.

The case was prosecuted by Major Case Assistant Allison Kline of the Domestic Violence Bureau under the supervision of Simon Folkard, Deputy Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau, Jena Rizzo, Deputy Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau and Agata Digiovanni, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau under the overall supervision of Adrienne Giunta, Deputy Chief, Special Victims Division and Joseph Muroff, Chief, Special Victims Division.



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District Attorney Clark thanked Senior Crime Victims Advocate Laura Ramirez and former Trial Preparation Assistant Emily Rosario.

District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Detectives Manuel Figueroa of the 43rd Precinct and Sheldon Smith of Bronx Homicide Squad for their work on this case.