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**BRONX WOMAN INDICTED FOR KILLING LIVERY CAB DRIVER  
IN 2022 HIT-AND-RUN CRASH  
Defendant Was Driving 77 MPH in 25 MPH Zone**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx woman was indicted on second-degree Manslaughter and other related charges in connection with a hit-and-run crash that killed a livery cab driver in 2022.

District Attorney Clark said, “This defendant was allegedly driving three times the speed limit when her SUV slammed into a livery cab, and she fled the scene without checking on the driver’s condition or waiting for first responders to arrive. Her alleged actions were callous and now, after three years, she has been brought to justice.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Imani Williams, 26, of Franklin Avenue, the Bronx was arraigned on August 7, 2025, on charges of second-degree Manslaughter, Leaving the Scene of an Accident, Criminally Negligent Homicide and Reckless Driving before Bronx Supreme Court Justice George Villegas. The judge granted supervised release with electronic monitoring. The People had requested bail in the amount of \$100,000 cash, \$300,000 bond and \$300,000 partially secured bond at 10%. The defendant is due back in court on October 29, 2025.

According to the investigation, on June 5, 2022, the defendant allegedly was speeding in an SUV on Webster Avenue at the intersection of East 168<sup>th</sup> Street, using the bus lane to pass a vehicle. She then allegedly drove through a red light, striking the driver’s side of a sedan being driven by Robert Godwin, 45, of Queens. Williams was able to extricate herself from her vehicle, allegedly did not check on the other driver and fled the scene before police and paramedics arrived. Godwin sustained critical injuries and was rushed to the hospital where he was pronounced dead.



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Investigators determined that William's vehicle was travelling at 77 miles-per-hour, four seconds before impact. There was evidence that there was more than one person present in the vehicle at the time of the crash, including two different identifications recovered. Multiple areas of the car were tested for DNA to determine who were the front passenger and the driver. The final DNA evidence was received in February 2025. Williams' DNA was on the driver's side airbag.

The case is being prosecuted by Major Case Assistant District Attorney Rachel Taverna, under the supervision of Assistant District Attorney Jeffrey Kimelman, Chief of the Vehicular Crimes Unit, Michelle Villaverde, Deputy Chief of Trial Bureau 40, Aaron Kaplan, Chief of Trial Bureau 40, and under the overall supervision of James Brennan, Deputy Division Chief of Trial Division, and Theresa Gottlieb, Chief of Trial Division. District Attorney Clark thanked Trial Preparation Assistant Supervisor Jamece Hill of the Vehicular Crimes Unit and DNA Specialist Nana Lamouse-Welch of the Forensic Science Unit for their assistance with the case.

District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Detective Gregory Gianacopulos from the Collision Investigation Squad of Highway 1 for his work in this long-term investigation. District Attorney Clark also thanked NYPD Detectives Karl Zarek and Ramon Pina from the Collision Investigation Squad of Highway 1.

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