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**BRONX MAN INDICTED FOR MURDER OF GIRLFRIEND,  
CRITICALLY WOUNDING HER TEENAGE SON WHEN HE  
CAME TO HER DEFENSE**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been indicted on Murder and Attempted Murder charges for fatally stabbing his girlfriend and then stabbing her 16-year-old son as he tried to protect her.

District Attorney Clark said, “This was a horrific act of domestic violence. A family has lost their mother, and their brother has suffered terrible injuries. We are working with them to deal with the trauma inflicted by the defendant.”

District Attorney Clark said Juan Rivas, 45, of Sherman Avenue, the Bronx, was arraigned today on second-degree Murder, Attempted Murder second-degree, first-degree Manslaughter, first-degree assault, two counts of second-degree Assault, third-degree Assault, two counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child, and fourth-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Margaret Clancy. Remand was continued. He is due back in court on July 21, 2026.

According to the investigation, on February 28, 2026, at approximately 6:30 a.m. inside an apartment in 956 Sherman Avenue, the children of Yesenia Hall, 42, heard her arguing with the defendant and then screaming. They ran to their mother’s room and found defendant with a knife and Hall bleeding. Her 16-year-old son attempted to protect his family, pushing his sister out of the room and trying to stop the defendant. Defendant stabbed Hall and her son multiple times. Hall was pronounced dead at NYC Health+Hospitals Lincoln, and the boy remained hospitalized for approximately one month.

The case is being prosecuted by Major Case Assistant District Attorney Allison Kline, and Assistant District Attorney Rebekah Cohen 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 Joseph Muroff,



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Chief of Special Victims Division. District Attorney Clark thanked Homicide Advocate Laura Ramirez of the Crime victims Assistance Bureau for her assistance in the case.

District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Detectives Joseph Graziadio and Corey Simpson of the 44<sup>th</sup> Precinct and Patrick Curran of Bronx Homicide and responding NYPD Police Officers Francisco Ferreira and Mathew Kelly of the 44<sup>th</sup> precinct for their work in the investigation.

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