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BRONX MAN INDICTED FOR AGGRAVATED ANIMAL CRUELTY FOR ALLEGEDLY THROWING CAT FROM 15TH FLOOR WINDOW TO ITS DEATH

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been indicted for causing the death of his family’s cat by allegedly throwing the animal out of his 15th floor apartment window.

District Attorney Clark said, “We are supposed to love and care for our companion animals. Allegedly, in a fit of rage, this defendant tossed the family’s cat out of his apartment window, causing the animal’s death. The abuse of animals will not be tolerated.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Miguel Perez, 32, of Alexander Avenue, Mitchell Housing Complex, the Bronx, was arraigned on May 21, 2026, on Aggravated Cruelty to Animals and Torturing and Injuring Animals before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Timothy Lewis. He is due back in court on July 21, 2026.

According to the investigation, on March 4, 2026, at approximately 10:20 a.m., the defendant became upset after Shadow, his family’s small black cat, scratched his hand. The defendant allegedly threw the cat out of a window of the 15th floor apartment, causing its death when it hit the pavement below.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Mary Ann Liebowitz, Director of the Bronx DA’s Animal Cruelty Prosecution Initiative, under the supervision of Denise Kodjo, Deputy Chief of Investigations Division and Wanda Perez-Maldonado, Chief of Investigations Division.

District Attorney Clark thanked Trial Preparation Assistant Jeanette Pol for her assistance in the case and NYPD Detective Daniel Angen from the Bronx District Attorney’s Squad for his work in the investigation.



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District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Officers Shanya Gonzalez and Natanael Castro PSA-7 Precinct for their work in the investigation.

District Attorney Clark thanked Shawn Perry and Veronica Rodriguez from the New York City Housing Authority for their assistance in the investigation.

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