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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS TO LIFE IN PRISON FOR MURDER
OF FORMER INTIMATE PARTNER**
Defendant Stabbed Mother of His Child 17 Times in Front of Young Kids

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced to 25 years to life in prison after being convicted by a jury of the brutal murder of his ex-partner in front of his two sons aged two and five years old.

District Attorney Clark said, “This defendant committed an especially horrific crime. The victim, a 23-year-old mother, had left him a few weeks before because she had suffered years of emotional and physical abuse at his hands. He stabbed her 17 times in front of their children. They lost their mother and have endured untold trauma. Now he has been held accountable.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Shaheene Ahmad, 38, of the Bronx, was sentenced on June 16, 2026, to 25 years to life in prison by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Audrey Stone. He was convicted by a jury of second-degree Murder and two counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child.

According to the investigation, on September 14, 2023, the defendant killed Zariuah Hayes, 23, at the end of a birthday celebration for their 2-year-old boy. He stabbed her 17 times in front of the toddler and his own son, the 5-year-old. Sixteen of her wounds were to her face and neck.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Allison Kline and Assistant District Attorney Emma Wardle 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, Chief of Special Victims Division.

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District Attorney Clark thanked Crime Victim Advocate Laura Ramirez of the BXDA Crime Victims Bureau for her assistance with the case.

District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Detective Faton Alikaj from Bronx Homicide and NYPD Detective Alfonso Larue of the 49th Precinct for their work in the investigation, and Police Officers Dominick Huegas, Jean Martinez, David Carlo and Juan Olivera, and Sergeant Michael Hines of the 49th Precinct who responded to the incident and rescued the children.