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**BRONX WOMAN INDICTED FOR LONG-TERM STARVATION AND ISOLATION
OF HER 14-YEAR-OLD TWIN SONS
Boys Weighed Under 55 Pounds; Haven't Been Outside Home in Years**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx woman has been indicted on first-degree Assault, first-degree Reckless Endangerment, Endangering the Welfare of a Child and other charges for starving her twin sons and keeping them virtually housebound for nine years, significantly stunting their development.

District Attorney Clark said, "This defendant is accused of a shocking, horrifying form of child abuse, allegedly depriving her sons of proper food, social interaction, education, medical attention. We will do everything we can to help these boys attain a normal life."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Lissette Soto Domenech, 64, of Mosholu Avenue in Riverdale, was arraigned today before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Audrey Stone on two counts of first-degree Assault, two counts of first-degree Reckless Endangerment, two counts of second-degree Reckless Endangerment, two counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child, first-degree Endangering the Welfare of an Incompetent or Physically Disabled Person, and four counts of second-degree Offering a False Instrument for Filing. Bail was set \$25,000 cash/\$75,000 bond/\$75,000 partially secured bond. She is due back in court on February 4, 2026.

According to the investigation, between November 3, 2016, and October 15, 2025, under circumstances evincing a depraved indifference to human life, the defendant engaged in conduct that created a grave risk of death to the boys and caused serious physical injury to them. In November 2016, she allegedly stopped taking the boys to a doctor and in September 2017 began submitting false documents to the New York City Department of Education claiming she was homeschooling the boys.

According to the investigation, on October 15, 2025, after several anonymous complaints, an Administration for Children's Services child protective specialist went to the home and called 911. The boys were severely malnourished with one weighing 51 pounds and the other weighing



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54 pounds and were far below normal height. One boy is autistic and apparently was never evaluated or in receipt of services for the condition. FDNY Emergency Medical Technicians took the boys to Montefiore Children's Hospital where they underwent care for three months. In the apartment there was only infant cereal, baby bottles and toddler toys. There was no food or belongings appropriate for children their age.

The case is being prosecuted by Major Case Assistant District Attorney Tiffany Wichman of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau, with the assistance of Trial Counsel Astrid Borgstedt, under the supervision of Alexandra Militano and Johanna Gonzalez, Deputy Chiefs of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau, Mimi Mairs, Chief of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau, and the overall supervision of Adrienne Giunta, Deputy Chief of the Special Victims Division, and Joseph Muroff, Chief of the Special Victims Division.

District Attorney Clark thanked Trial Preparation Assistant Elaina Clarke for her assistance with the case.

District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Detectives Eric Droz and Kelvin Sanchez of the Bronx Child Abuse Squad for their work on the investigation.

District Attorney Clark thanked ACS Child Protective Specialist Iydes Ramirez for her work.

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