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**BRONX WOMAN AND HER MOTHER INDICTED FOR MURDER
IN THE DEATH OF THE WOMAN'S 16-YEAR-OLD SON
Medical Examiner Ruled the Teen Died From Starvation and Neglect**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx mother and grandmother have been indicted on second-degree Murder and other charges in the death of a 16-year-old boy. The deceased is the son and grandson of the defendants. Additionally, the women have been charged with Assault and Endangering the Welfare of an Incompetent Person for alleged crimes committed against the decedent's twin brother.

District Attorney Clark said, "These two defendants, the mother and grandmother of the victims are accused of the long-term starvation and neglect of their sons and grandsons, two non-verbal autistic boys. Tragically, one of the boys died from starvation. His twin brother thankfully is alive but suffering the effects of starvation and neglect. These two women failed in their duty and responsibility to care for these boys. One child has died. The other faces a lengthy recovery."

District Attorney Clark said that defendants Geneva Jarvis, 36 and her mother Denise Jarvis, 62, were today arraigned on charges of second-degree Depraved Indifference Murder, and second-degree Manslaughter before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Giyang An in the death of 16-year-old Adonis. They were also arraigned on charges of first-degree Depraved Indifference Assault, first-degree Endangering the Welfare of an Incompetent Person and second-degree Endangering the Welfare of an Incompetent Person. Both defendants were remanded. They are due back in court October 27, 2026.

According to the investigation, at approximately 6 p.m. on March 19, 2026, EMS responded to a 9-1-1 call at the apartment where the defendants and the victims lived. Adonis was taken to NYC H + H Lincoln where he was pronounced dead. The child weighed just 59 pounds. The Medical Examiner determined death was the result of neglect, starvation and dehydration. Adonis's twin brother weighed just 60 pounds, having lost 20 pounds from his last documented



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doctor's visit in August 2024. He was severely malnourished. Paramedics found that both were covered with bed sores, feces and flies. They had been diagnosed with autism and had a documented history of seizures.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Siobhan McHale, Shaylin French of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau, Trial Counsel Astrid Borgstedt, under the supervision of Mimi Mairs, Chief of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau, and under the overall supervision of Adrienne Giunta, Deputy Chief, Special Victims Division and Joseph Muroff, Chief of Special Victims Division.

District Attorney Clark thanked Trial Preparation Assistant Erin Schiotis, Digital Forensic Laboratory Director Selena Ley, Digital Forensic Examiner Jack Bilski, Video Unit Director Joao D'Alessandro, Video Technician Sam Schild, and Video Technician, Tere Gillard for their assistance in the case.

District Attorney Clark also thanked the NYPD Detective John Eller for his work in the investigation.

An indictment is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.