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Scott (Bronx DA)

## **BREAKUP LEADS TO RAGE KILLING AND NOW, 50-TO-LIFE BEHIND BARS**

### ***Andrew Scott, Brittney Austin Guilty in Brutal Mother-Daughter Murder***

(Bronx, NY – April 9, 2015) – Bronx County District Attorney announced that, today, 24-year-old ANDREW SCOTT has been sentenced to 50 years-to-life for the brutal murder of a mother and daughter.

Following a month-long trial and less than two hours of deliberation last month, a jury has found 24-year-old ANDREW SCOTT guilty of the following charges in the October 1, 2013 deaths of 65-year-old IDA RANDOLPH and her daughter, 23-year-old JANA RANDOLPH:

**Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree (4 counts, Class A Felony)**(2 cts Intentional Murder, 2 cts Felony Murder)  
**Robbery in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree (2 counts, Class B Felony)**

Justice Margaret Clancy sentenced ANDREW SCOTT 25 years-to-life for each of the murders, consecutive to one another. SCOTT was sentenced to another 25 years on the robbery, to run concurrently with the 50 years.

It was one of the more gruesome crime scenes police and the District Attorney's office has ever dealt with – evidencing a rage borne out of a broken relationship that would leave a mother and daughter dead at the hands of the daughter's ex-boyfriend.

SCOTT bludgeoned the older woman so hard with her own baseball bat, that he crushed her skull nearly a half-dozen times, broke her arm clear through, and inflicted other injuries too horrific to describe. And, he took a sizable kitchen knife to his ex-girlfriend, stabbing her more than a dozen times, some of the cuts three-inches deep. He then bludgeoned her, the final act that caused her death.



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SCOTT had been dating JANA RANDOLPH for seven years and had moved into the women's apartment at 2794 Valentine Avenue in the Bedford Park section of the Bronx a year before the killings. But he had behaved badly – in the weeks before the incident, he trashed the apartment and stole JANA's bank card – leading the clerical worker at Montefiore to break up with him. JANA's mother, a retired social services worker, kicked him out of the apartment.

ANDREW SCOTT did not take it well.

On the night of October 1<sup>st</sup>, he got together two others and hatched a plot to rob the mother and daughter, get their bank cards and PIN numbers, and steal their money, all revenge for having been tossed aside. Along for the plan was 23-year-old BRITTNEY AUSTIN, who was coming off a heroin addiction, and, allegedly, another friend. The plan was for AUSTIN and SCOTT to rob the women. The Randolph women fought back, but in the end they were subdued by ANDREW SCOTT, who tied up IDA RANDOLPH with duct tape; BRITTNEY AUSTIN bound JANA. A quarter-of-an-hour later, AUSTIN left the apartment with the cards and cash. It is alleged that 26-year-old JOSHUA LOPEZ then took the cards and tried, but failed, to extract money from several ATM machines.

SCOTT remained in the apartment for an hour-and-a-half, during which time he not only committed the atrocities but tried to clean up the battle scene. Blood splatter was so great from the attacks it hit the ceiling. During the savage murders he also somehow injured himself, cutting his hand with the very knife he used to kill.

BRITTNEY AUSTIN pled guilty to Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and Robbery in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree in January of this year and will be sentenced at a future date. JOSHUA LOPEZ pled not guilty to four counts of Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and two counts of Robbery in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree. He is scheduled for trial beginning on May 12th in front of Justice Clancy, Part 79, Bronx Supreme Court. Should LOPEZ be convicted, he also faces 50 years to life.

The cases against ANDREW SCOTT and BRITTNEY AUSTIN were prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Rachel Kalman and Jennifer Cruz of Trial Bureau 30/40.

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