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**ARRAIGNMENT IN HOMELESS CENTER DIRECTOR KILLING**  
***West Spruill Charged with the Murder of Ana Charle***

(Bronx, NY – May 26, 2015) – Bronx District Attorney Robert Johnson announces the Supreme Court indictment of 39-year-old WEST SPRUILL for the April 27, 2015 kidnap and killing of homeless shelter director ANA CHARLE. Before Justice Margaret Clancy, SPRUILL pled not guilty to the following charges:

**Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree (Class A-1 Felony, 2 counts)**  
**Kidnapping in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree (Class B Felony)**  
**Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree (Class C Felony)**

SPRUILL is charged with accosting the 35-year-old CHARLE, a native of Spain and mother of two, near the front of the Bronx Boulevard Men’s Shelter, where she was the director and he had been a resident up until early January of this year.

It is alleged that SPRUILL approached the woman as she got into her car, and that he got in and forced her to drive to a more secluded area a block and a half away. At some point, CHARLE managed to escape the vehicle; witnesses reported she fled from the car naked, and her assailant followed her, also without clothing – but with a gun.

WEST SPRUILL is accused of chasing down ANA CHARLE and then shooting her multiple times, causing her death. He is alleged to have fled on foot, but was captured, clothed, a short while later and a short distance away.

If convicted of the charges, WEST SPRUILL faces life in prison.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Astrid Borgstedt, Trial Counsel to the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau. It has been adjourned until Thursday, May 28th in Part 79, Supreme Court, at 2PM, at which time Justice Clancy will determine whether or not to grant SPRUILL’s request to represent himself.

The charges in this indictment are merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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