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BRONX WOMAN SENTENCED FOR MUGGING 103-YEAR-OLD WOMAN IN CO-OP CITY

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx woman has been sentenced to five years in prison for robbing a 103-year-old, legally blind Co-op City resident who was returning to her apartment from a community center.

District Attorney Clark said, "Robbing an elderly person is cowardly and cold-hearted. The defendant now will serve a prison term for her callous actions."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Sharon McNeil, 53, of various addresses in the Bronx, was sentenced today, November 17, 2016, before Bronx Supreme Court Justice William Mogulescu to five years in prison with three years of post-release supervision. McNeil pleaded guilty to an offer by the judge of second-degree robbery on September 29, 2016.

According to the investigation, on April 1, 2016, Louise Signore, who is legally blind, was returning to her home from a nearby community center and was pushing a shopping cart holding her handbag with \$30 in it, a magnifying glass, a hearing aid and other items. Video shows that McNeil followed Signore into the building and waited behind a door with a window while the centenarian checked her mail. Then McNeil followed Signore on to the elevator.

McNeil got off with Signore when the elevator reached her floor, and wrested the shopping cart from Signore, who fell to the floor during the altercation. McNeil took the cart and left the victim on the floor yelling for help.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney KellyAnne Holohan of the Trial Division, under the supervision of Jeremy Shockett, Chief of the Trial Division.

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