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BRONX WOMAN FOUND GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER FOR DROWNING HER TWO CHILDREN

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a 32-year-old Bronx woman has been found guilty in the drowning deaths of her infant daughter and 4-year-old son in their apartment in 2012.

District Attorney Clark said, "The killing of these young children is a horrendous tragedy, and their mother has been held accountable for her actions."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Lisette Bamenga, 32, of 1500 Noble Avenue, was convicted in a non-jury trial on April 8, 2016 of two counts of first-degree Manslaughter, after a three-week trial before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Martin Marcus.

Bamenga faces five to 25 years in prison on each count when she is sentenced on April 25th.

According to trial testimony, on July 5th, 2012, Bamenga gave grape juice mixed with windshield wiper fluid to her children, 4-year-old Trevor Noel and 4-month-old Violet Noel. Bamenga then took the children into the bathroom where she drowned them in the bathtub. Then she confined the children in the kitchen and turned on the gas on the stove. Bamenga also drank the wiper fluid and slashed her wrists, and left behind notes.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Nancy Borko and Assistant District Attorney Sabrina Jiwani of the Bronx District Attorney's Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau.

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