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BRONX WOMAN INDICTED FOR MUGGING 103-YEAR-OLD WOMAN IN CO-OP CITY; TOOK HANDBAG CONTAINING \$30

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx woman has been indicted for robbing and assaulting 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 a cowardly act, but using force on such a vulnerable person is cold-hearted and unconscionable. This victim’s courage to bring her alleged assailant to justice should not be underestimated.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Sharon McNeil, 53, of various addresses in the Bronx, was arraigned on April 27, 2016 before Bronx Supreme Court Justice George Villegas on an indictment charging second-degree Robbery, third-degree Robbery, second-degree Assault, third-degree Assault, and fourth-degree Grand Larceny. She is due back in court on June 1st.

District Attorney Clark said that on April 1, 2016, Louise Signore was returning to her home from a nearby community center and was pushing a shopping cart holding her handbag with \$30 in it, a treasured 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 allegedly got off with Signore when the elevator reached her floor, and allegedly 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. Signore, who is legally blind, suffered pain from the fall.

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

An indictment is an accusatory instrument and not proof of a defendant’s guilt.