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**MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO SODOMIZING, KILLING TEEN;
WILL BE SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS IN PRISON
Victim Destiny Sanchez Was a Week Shy of 16th Birthday When Strangled**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a 38-year-old man has pleaded guilty to charges in the death of a 15-year-old Bronx girl that will send him to prison for 25 years and designate him a sexual offender.

District Attorney Clark said, "This defendant committed a horrendous sex act on a child, strangled her and covered her body in bleach to destroy evidence. Destiny Sanchez would have celebrated her 16th birthday a week later. Now the defendant will spend 25 years in prison for manslaughter, and his plea to a criminal sexual act ensures that he will be in the sex offender registry upon his release."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Luis Vega, 38, who lived at various addresses in New York City when the crime occurred in 2012, pleaded guilty today May 4, 2016, to first-degree manslaughter and first-degree criminal sexual act before Bronx Supreme Court Justice William Mogulescu. Vega will receive 25 years in prison for manslaughter, 20 years for criminal sexual act to run concurrently, and 10 years post-release supervision when he is sentenced on May 20, 2016.

According to the investigation, on November 22, 2012, Destiny Sanchez left her father's home with Vega, brother of her father's girlfriend, and went to 640 Barretto Street in the Hunts Point section of the Bronx, where they drank alcohol. The following morning, her body was found, her clothes askew, and bleach had been poured on her.

Vega's DNA was found on the victim, and on a bleach bottle at the apartment where he had been staying.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Nancy Borko.

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