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BRONX WOMAN SENTENCED TO EIGHT YEARS IN PRISON FOR DROWNING HER TWO CHILDREN

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a 32-year-old Bronx woman has been sentenced to eight years in prison for drowning 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. Their mother was convicted of manslaughter and we asked that she go to prison for 40 years for taking these innocent lives."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Lisette Bamenga, 32, of 1500 Noble Avenue, was sentenced on May 17, 2016, to eight years in prison by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Martin Marcus. Bamenga had been convicted of first-degree Manslaughter after a three-week bench trial on April 8, 2016.

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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