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BRONX LANDLORD FOUND GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER FOR KILLING TENANT, DUMPING HER BODY

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx landlord has been found guilty in the death of Ramona Moore, a 35-year-old woman who vanished in July, 2012 and whose remains were found in upstate New York nearly three years later.

District Attorney Clark said, “The victim, Ramona Moore, was killed and then dumped upstate, and for almost three years her family anguished over not knowing what had happened to her. Now they have justice, and the defendant faces many years in prison for his brutal and callous crime.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Nasean Bonie, 30, who had moved to Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania before he was arrested, was convicted by a jury on July 25, 2016 of first-degree Manslaughter after a four-week trial before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Nicholas Iacovetta.

Bonie faces up to 25 years in prison when he is sentenced on August 11, 2016. Bonie is already serving a four year prison sentence after pleading guilty in 2015 to second-degree Assault for beating his wife on July 10, 2012, just before Moore’s disappearance.

According to trial testimony, Bonie, who was landlord of 663 Jefferson Place in the Claremont neighborhood, where Moore was a tenant, had been arguing with her for weeks. On July 31, 2012, Moore was last seen going inside the building to get a mango for a neighbor. A loud noise was heard and Moore was never seen alive again.

Bonie was arrested in Moore’s death on May 29, 2014. Just before his trial was set to begin in April 2015, Moore’s skeletal remains were found in Orange County, New York. Her skull contained multiple fractures.

The case was investigated and prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Marisol Martinez-Alonso, Deputy Chief of Trial Bureau 40, Homicide Counsel John Morabito of the Homicide Bureau, and the late Edward Talty, Chief of the Homicide Bureau and Deputy Chief of the Trial Division.