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MAN INDICTED FOR FATALLY STABBING ESTRANGED WIFE
Defendant Allegedly Called Victim's Family Members To Tell Them He Killed Her

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a man has been indicted for stabbing his estranged wife to death. The incident happened when the defendant was on parole.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant allegedly went to the victim's house and stabbed her repeatedly. After the murder, he allegedly called the victim's family members and his parole officer to tell them what he had done."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Virgil Solis, 58, of 600 East 125th Street, Manhattan, was arraigned on second-degree Murder, first-degree Manslaughter and fourth-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon before Bronx Supreme Court Justice George Villegas. He was remanded and is due back in court on January 9, 2019.

According to the investigation, on September 10, 2018, at 2411 Southern Boulevard, the defendant allegedly caused the death of Valerie Dash by stabbing her repeatedly with a knife. The victim suffered numerous stab wounds in the abdomen, back, and neck, and was disemboweled.

The defendant allegedly accused the victim of cheating, and told investigators he intentionally dragged the knife across her abdomen, and later profanely boasted that he would not have to worry about her infidelity any longer.

After the attack the defendant allegedly called multiple people, including the victim's family members and his parole officer, to tell them he had killed Dash. Family members and Solis' parole officer called police, who went to the victim's home where she was pronounced dead. Solis was arrested in downtown Manhattan after he removed his ankle monitor and fled the crime scene.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Richard Fasano of the
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Domestic Violence Bureau under the supervision of Simon Folkard and Kathryn Falasca, Supervisors in the Domestic Violence Bureau, and Adrienne Giunta, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau, and Amy Litwin, Counsel for the Special Victims Division, under the overall supervision of Joseph Muroff, Chief of the Special Victims Division.

District Attorney Clark thanked Assistant District Attorney William Browne of the Domestic Violence Bureau for his assistance. District Attorney Clark also thanked NYPD Detective Lincoln Archambeau of the 48th Precinct and NYPD Detective Anthony Velez of Bronx Homicide for their work in the investigation.

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

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