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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 12 YEARS IN PRISON FOR BEATING AND
STARVING TWO TEEN SIBLINGS UNDER HIS CARE**
Defendant Pleaded Guilty to Assault

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced to 12 years in prison after pleading guilty to second-degree Assault in the beating and starving of a teenage brother and sister for weeks.

District Attorney Clark said, “The defendant was the guardian of these siblings, and he viciously beat them and deprived them of food. He has now been held accountable for his horrific treatment of these children, who are still dealing with the trauma and physical effects of their brutal captivity.”

The defendant, Michael Ramos, 35, formerly of Burke Avenue, was sentenced today to six years in prison and three years post-release supervision on each of two counts of second-degree Assault, to run consecutively, by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Audrey Stone. He pleaded guilty to those charges on November 1, 2024.

According to the investigation, between January 1, 2023, and April 17, 2023, the victims, a 14- year-old girl and her 13-year-old brother, were living with Ramos in his apartment in the NYCHA Eastchester Gardens Housing Complex. The apartment initially belonged to the defendant’s mother, who had legally adopted the victims when they were infants. Ramos became guardian after his mother died in 2019. The defendant on multiple occasions held a loaded pistol to the victims’ heads and threatened to kill them. He pistol-whipped them and beat them with other objects. Ramos starved the victims and kept them from attending school.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Rachael Baughman and Christopher Conway of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau with the assistance of Astrid Borgstedt, Trial Counsel in the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau, and under the supervision of Johanna Hernandez,



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Deputy Chief of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau, Mimi Mairs, Chief of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau, and under the overall supervision of Adrienne Giunta, Deputy Chief of Special Victims Division, and Joseph Muroff, Chief of Special Victims Division. District Attorney Clark thanked Trial Preparation Assistant Supervisor Elaina Clarke of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau, for her assistance on the case.

District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Police Officers Kelby Castulo and Ginger Toth-Sipos, and NYPD Sergeant Anthony Lofaro, of the 49th Precinct, for their work on the case.