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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 18 YEARS IN PRISON FOR STRANGLING WOMAN
IN MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY**
Defendant Was in Relationship With Victim

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced to 18 years in prison after pleading guilty to Manslaughter after he strangled his girlfriend who was visiting him at a mental health facility where he resided.

District Attorney Clark said, “The defendant strangled the victim in his room and fled. He left her lifeless body in his bed for days until staff found her during a wellness check.”

The defendant, Waheed Foster, 44, was sentenced on December 19, 2024, to 18 years in prison and five years post-release supervision after pleading guilty to first-degree Manslaughter and third-degree Assault by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Audrey Stone on October 2, 2024. The sentence will run consecutively to a 22-year sentence the defendant received for a case in Queens.

According to the investigation, the victim, Jessica Miller, 41, was in a relationship with the defendant and went to his home at a mental health facility in the Bronx. On August 4, 2022, at 3:35 p.m., the defendant entered the building with Jessica Miller, 41, signed in at the front desk, and went to his room. Later that evening Foster left the building and never returned. On August 6, 2022, an employee conducted a wellness check at Foster’s room. Upon entering, they discovered Miller’s body. The defendant was later indicted in November after the results of a report by the Office of Chief Medical Examiner. Foster was already in custody for a case in Queens which occurred before a final determination of death was determined.

The case is being prosecuted by David Birnbaum, Trial Counsel of the Domestic Violence Bureau, under the supervision of Agata DiGiovanni, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau, and under the overall supervision of Adrienne Giunta, Deputy Chief of the Special Victims Division and Joseph Muroff, Chief of the Special Victims Division.

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