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## **BRONX WOMAN INDICTED IN FATAL STABBING OF ACQUAINTANCE**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a woman has been indicted for stabbing a man to death during an argument in their apartment building.

District Attorney Clark said, “A man was stabbed to death during a dispute with an acquaintance. It was a senseless act.”

District Attorney Clark said Jacqueline Ratliff, 60, of 1752 Walton Avenue, the Bronx was indicted on second-degree Murder and first-degree Manslaughter. She was arraigned today before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Brenda Rivera. She was remanded and is due back in court on September 30, 2024.

According to the investigation, on May 25, 2024, at approximately 10:03 am, inside of 1752 Walton Avenue, the defendant allegedly stabbed the victim, John Welgoss, Jr., 32, who also lived in the building, with a kitchen knife following an argument in the hallway. His throat was slashed and he died at the scene.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Nicholas W. DiCostanzo of the Homicide Bureau, under the supervision of Christine Scaccia, Chief of the Homicide Bureau, and under the overall supervision of James Brennan, Deputy Chief of Trial Division and Theresa Gottlieb, Chief of Trial Division. District Attorney Clark thanked Trial Preparation Assistant Yoisy Jimenez and Crime Victim Advocates Laura Ramirez and Emelis Santana for their assistance in this case.

District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Detective Colin Higgins from the Bronx Homicide Squad and NYPD Detective Michael Pando from the 46<sup>th</sup> Precinct Detective Squad for their work in the investigation.

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