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**HUSBAND SENTENCED TO 18 YEARS TO LIFE IN PRISON
FOR BEATING DEATH OF WIFE AS SHE LAY IN BED**

Defendant Was Convicted At Bench Trial Last Month

Kings County District Attorney Kenneth P. Thompson today announced that a 75-year-old Brooklyn man has been sentenced to 18 years to life in prison for beating to death his 66-year-old wife in their Midwood home in 2011. The defendant was convicted last month following a bench trial.

District Attorney Thompson said, “This defendant viciously attacked his wife as she lay in bed, unable to defend herself. The judge has spoken and now the defendant has been held accountable for this brutal and cowardly act.”

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Noor Hussein, 75, of 1025 East 14th Street, in the Midwood section of Brooklyn. The defendant was today sentenced to 18 years to life in prison by Brooklyn Supreme Court Justice Matthew D’Emic, who convicted the defendant of second-degree murder last month following a bench trial.

The District Attorney said that, according to trial testimony, on April 3, 2011, inside of their Midwood apartment, the defendant viciously beat his wife, Nazar Hussain, to death as she lay in bed, most likely asleep. His actions caused massive head trauma that led to a fatal brain hemorrhage. When her body was later examined by the Medical Examiner’s Office, it was determined that she had been struck more than 20 times about her head, face and arms.

The District Attorney said that, according to trial testimony, the defendant told police that he disciplined his wife earlier in the night because she cooked the wrong meal, but that she was unharmed when they went to bed. Neighbors, however, heard the defendant verbally and physically abuse his wife for years, according to testimony.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Joshua Charlton, of the District Attorney’s Domestic Violence Bureau and Assistant District Attorney Sabeeha Madni, of the District Attorney’s Blue Zone Bureau, under the supervision of Assistant District Attorney Michelle Kaminsky, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau, and the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney Wanda Lucibello, Chief of the District Attorney’s Special Victims Division.

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