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Couple Indicted for Murder of Staten Island Woman

Defendants Michael Cammarata and Ayisha Egea allegedly caused the death of Jeanine Cammarata and attempted to conceal her corpse

Staten Island, N.Y. — Richmond County District Attorney Michael E. McMahon today announced that defendant Michael Cammarata and co-defendant Ayisha Egea have been arraigned on an indictment in which they are charged with second-degree murder, first-degree manslaughter, concealment of a human corpse, and related charges for allegedly causing the death of Jeanine Cammarata.

District Attorney Michael E. McMahon said, “The gruesome and depraved crimes allegedly committed by these defendants have caused unimaginable pain and suffering in the lives of the young children, relatives, and friends of the victim Jeanine. Our thoughts and prayers remain with them all as they continue to mourn this beloved mother and teacher, who was a victim of domestic violence before her life was tragically cut short. Heinous cases such as this are the reason why I have made combating domestic violence a hallmark of my office’s work, and I vow that we will work tirelessly to seek justice for Jeanine and hold the defendants fully accountable for their alleged actions, which robbed the world of the bright light Jeanine had shone in the lives of her children and countless others.”

Cammarata and Egea were arraigned today before Staten Island Supreme Court Justice Mario F. Mattei on an indictment in which they are charged with second-degree murder, first-degree manslaughter, and concealment of a human corpse, two counts of tampering with physical evidence, and five counts of endangering the welfare of a child. Additionally, the indictment further charges Cammarata with fourth- and fifth-degree criminal possession of stolen property, and first- third- and fourth- degree stalking. The defendants were ordered held without bail.

According to court documents and a 15-count indictment, on or about and between March 30, 2019 and April 1, 2019, Michael Cammarata, who is the victim’s former husband, and his co-defendant, Ayisha Egea, caused the death of Jeanine Cammarata. Police later found the victim's burned remains in a plastic bin in a storage facility on Arden Avenue on Staten Island. Furthermore, the indictment also accuses Michael Cammarata of

additional crimes for allegedly stalking the victim and possessing her stolen property, including a debit card and driver's license.

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The case is being prosecuted by ADAs Adam Silberlight and Timothy Richard.

The charges contained in the attached indictment are merely allegations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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