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Defendant Convicted of Murder of Wife

Defendant killed his wife and stored her remains in a storage unit in attempt to cover up the crime

Staten Island, N.Y. — Richmond County District Attorney Michael E. McMahon today announced that a 45-year-old Staten Island man has been convicted of second-degree murder, concealment of a human corpse, and all related counts for killing his wife and storing her remains in a storage unit in an attempt to cover up the crime.

“This defendant committed an unimaginable act of violence, forever robbing the world of a bright light that had shined in the lives of the victim’s children, her students, and countless others. Our thoughts and prayers remain with them as they forever mourn the loss of Jeanine Cammarata, a beloved mother and teacher who had her life tragically cut short by the defendant. Today’s guilty verdict ensures that his heinous crime will not go unpunished, and that the defendant will be held fully accountable for not only killing his wife, but the calculated and cold-hearted plot to cover up the crime,” **said District Attorney Michael E. McMahon.** “Combating domestic violence remains a hallmark of my office’s work and we will continue to work tirelessly to provide support and resources to those suffering in an abusive relationship. I would like to commend Assistant District Attorneys Adam Silberlight and Timothy Richard for their tireless advocacy and commitment to prosecuting this case, and I thank the jury for answering the call to serve and performing their civic duty.”

The defendant, Michael Cammarata, 45, was convicted today of second-degree murder, concealment of a human corpse, tampering with physical evidence, endangering the welfare of a child and all related counts following a jury trial before Justice Mario F. Mattei in state Supreme Court, St. George.

Defendant Michael Cammarata murdered his wife, Jeanine Cammarata, 37, on March 30, 2019 while allegedly acting in concert with his girlfriend, Ayisha Egea, 44. Defendant Egea will be tried separately at a later date.

Defendant Michael Cammarata and victim Jeanine Cammarata were married but had been separated and had two young children together, both who lived with the father in his apartment in Queens. In early 2019, Jeanine

Cammarata had Michael Cammarata served with divorce papers, in which she also sought custody and support of the children. They were supposed to appear in court on Monday, April 1, 2019.

Shortly before 10 P.M. on Saturday, March 30, 2019, Jeanine Cammarata drove to see her children and arrived at the apartment complex where Michael Cammarata and his girlfriend, Ayisha Egea, live. They entered the victim's car and once inside the vehicle they attacked her, causing blunt trauma to the victim. Michael Cammarata then went to his apartment and retrieved a shopping cart and bags. He went back to the car and placed Jeanine Cammarata's body in the bag. He then went back to his apartment with her body. Inside of the apartment, he placed her body in a blue plastic bin and covered it with bags. The following morning (Sunday, March 31, 2019), he took her body from the apartment and at some point, burned the body of Jeanine Cammarata, rendering her unrecognizable. He then returned home. Michael Cammarata drove his children to school and appeared in court. Later that day (Monday, April 1, 2019), Michael Cammarata went to a storage facility on Arden Avenue on Staten Island. Michael Cammarata removed the bin containing the body of Jeanine Cammarata from his vehicle and placed it in the storage unit. This body was later discovered by the police. Jeanine Cammarata's vehicle was also later discovered in Chester, Pennsylvania. Defendant Ayisha Egea is accused of acting in concert with Michael Cammarata.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Adam Silberlight and Timothy Richard.

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