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### **News Advisory**

Otto Herrarte, 48, of 39-02 111<sup>th</sup> Street in Corona, Queens, was arraigned last night before Queens Criminal Court Judge Stephanie Zarro on a criminal complaint charging him with two counts of second-degree murder, one count of tampering with physical evidence and one count of fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon. If convicted, he faces up to 50 years to life in prison.

According to the complaint, Herrarte slit the necks and throats of his wife, Edna Herrarte, 55, and his son, Daniel, 14, with a knife sometime between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Friday, November 20, 2009, in their Queens apartment. Afterwards, it is alleged that he cleaned the knife and placed it back in the kitchen. An autopsy conducted by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner determined that the two victims died as a result of deep cuts to the throat and neck, in which the carotid artery and trachea of each individual had been severed. The Herrartes' other child, David, 15, was not home at the time of the alleged attack.

At the time of his arrest, Herrarte allegedly told police that he had a person named Roberto inside of him and Roberto was responsible for everything that was bad, that Roberto killed Edna and Daniel Herrarte while they were on their beds. Herrarte also allegedly told police that he (Otto) went to the store and bought black plastic and duct tape and that he put his wife and son in the black plastic bags and put them in the closet.

Judge Zarro ordered that Herrarte have a psychiatric evaluation before being brought back to court on December 22, 2009.

Herrarte was represented for arraignment purposes only by Martin Goldman (718-523-8494).

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