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**ROCKAWAY WOMAN CONVICTED OF MANSLAUGHTER
IN 2007 STRANGULATION DEATH OF FATHER AND MUTILATION OF BODY**
Faces Up to 15 Years In Prison

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that a 28-year-old woman has been found guilty of manslaughter in the strangulation death of her father whose body was discovered bound, gagged and mutilated inside her third-floor apartment in Rockaway.

District Attorney Brown said, "The jury's verdict holds the defendant accountable for a deeply disturbing crime in which her father was killed and his body mutilated. Under the circumstances, her actions warrant serious prison time, during which she, hopefully, will receive the counseling she so obviously needs."

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Brigitte Harris, 28, of 436 Beach 69th Street in the Rockaway section of Queens. Harris, who has been held without bail since her arrest on August 16, 2007, was convicted today of second-degree manslaughter and fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon following a three-week jury trial before Queens Supreme Court Justice Arthur J. Cooperman. Harris faces up to five to fifteen years in prison when sentenced on October 29, 2009.

District Attorney Brown said that, according to trial testimony, Harris lured her father, Eric Goodridge, 55, of Staten Island, to her Rockaway apartment on the morning of Saturday, July 28, 2007. Once there, she handcuffed him, gagged him with a towel, wrapped the towel around his head and secured it with duct tape. According to the medical examiners report, the cause of death was asphyxiation due to gagging, covering of mouth and neck compression. Once dead, Harris then mutilated his body by cutting off his penis.

Following the killing, Harris went to a location in Staten Island where, in response to a 911 call of an emotionally disturbed person, she was transported to a psychiatric facility at the Richmond University Medical Center, where she was confined for several weeks.

Assistant District Attorney Karen L. Ross, of the District Attorney's Homicide Trial Bureau, prosecuted the case under the supervision of Brad A. Leventhal, Bureau Chief, and Jack Warsawsky, Deputy Bureau Chief, and the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Charles A. Testagrossa and Deputy Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Daniel A. Saunders.

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