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ELMHURST MAN SENTENCED TO 50 YEARS TO LIFE IN PRISON FOR MURDERING MOTHER AND BROTHER

Both Victims Stabbed Multiple Times; Male Victim Also Shot and Body Dragged in Garbage Bag to Curb

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz announced that Roscoe Danielson was sentenced today to 50 years to life in prison for the murder of his mother and brother in July 2023. The defendant was convicted last month of murder and concealing his brother's body in a garbage bag and dragging it from the family's East Elmhurst home to a nearby curb. The remains of his mother were later found inside the home.

District Attorney Katz said: "Roscoe Danielson murdered his mother and brother in one of the grisliest crime scenes we have ever encountered. The defendant stabbed his mother 38 times and knifed his brother 50 times, also shooting him in the torso. Danielson compounded the brutality of his crime by hiding his brother's body in a garbage bag and dragging it to the curb, and by leaving his mother to decompose in her East Elmhurst home. We hope today's sentence brings the family of Cheryl Myrick and Kyle Danielson a measure of solace as they continue to mourn."

Danielson, 42, previously of 104th Street in East Elmhurst, was found guilty in September following a two-week trial of two counts of murder in the second degree, two counts of criminal possession of a weapon in the second degree, four counts of tampering with physical evidence, two counts of criminal possession of a weapon in the fourth degree, concealment of a human corpse and endangering the welfare of a child.

Queens Supreme Court Justice Kenneth C. Holder, who presided at trial, sentenced Danielson today to 50 years to life in prison to be followed by five years of post-release supervision.

According to the charges and trial testimony, on July 5, 2023, at approximately 8:18 a.m., the defendant dragged a large black garbage bag along 104th Street in East Elmhurst and left it on the curb in front of 32-41 104th Street.

Later that day, at approximately 2 p.m., police responded to the location after receiving a report of a foul odor coming from the trash bag. Responding officers opened the bag and found the decomposing body of 31year-old Kyle Danielson -- Roscoe Danielson's brother -- wrapped in plastic bags and blankets.

Kyle Danielson was shot in the torso and suffered approximately 50 stab wounds to his head, neck and chest.

The defendant was apprehended after being spotted at approximately 8 p.m. on July 5, 2023, pushing his young son in a stroller with a black back hanging from the handle. He was taken into custody and, following a court-authorized search of the stroller and bag, a 9 mm handgun and a knife were found.

Police executed a court-authorized search warrant at Danielson's home at approximately 2:30 a.m. on July 6 and found the decomposing body of Danielson's mother, Cheryl Myrick, in a second-floor bedroom.

Myrick died as a result of being stabbed roughly 38 times in her neck and torso. Both victims were killed on July 4, 2023, according to trial records.

Senior Assistant District Attorney Kenneth Zawistowski, of the District Attorney's Homicide Bureau, prosecuted the case, under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys John Kosinski, Bureau Chief, and Karen Ross and Jonathan Selkowe, Deputy Bureau Chiefs, and under the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Shawn Clark.

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