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JURY CONVICTS ASTORIA MAN OF ATTEMPTED MURDER FOR SHOVING HIS MOTHER OUT OF THIRD FLOOR WINDOW

Defendant Argued with Mother, Beat Her with Cane and Threatened Her with Knives Before Forcing Her onto Window Ledge; Faces up to 25 Years in Prison at Sentencing

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz announced that George Tsintzelis was convicted of attempted murder, assault and other crimes for shoving his 64-year-old mother, Paraskevi Tsintzelis, out of their third-floor apartment window in 2024.

District Attorney Katz said: "Paraskevi Tsintzelis was seriously injured but fortunately survived the fall and then made the difficult decision to testify against her son at trial. The defendant pulled a knife on his mother before pushing her out of a third-floor window. This was a completely senseless act of violence that has torn a family apart."

Tsintzelis, 37, of Shore Boulevard in Astoria, was convicted Friday of attempted murder in the second degree, two counts of assault in the first degree, assault in the second degree, aggravated criminal contempt, four counts of criminal possession of a weapon in the third degree and two counts of criminal contempt in the first degree.

Trial openings began on November 20 and summations occurred on Thursday. The jury deliberated for nine hours before reaching a verdict Friday afternoon.

Queens Supreme Court Justice Peter Vallone set a sentencing date of January 21 at which time the defendant faces up to 25 years in prison.

According to the charges and trial testimony, on November 15, 2024, at approximately 9:10 p.m., the defendant and his mother, Paraskevi Tsintzelis, became engaged in an argument over money. During the argument, the defendant beat his mother with a cane, displayed two knives retrieved from the kitchen and threatened her with them. Tsintzelis held the knives against his mother's body and forced her onto the window ledge and pushed her out of the window, causing her to fall three stories to the ground.

The victim was taken to a local hospital where she was treated for injuries including multiple broken bones, a laceration of her tongue, a laceration of the intestines and internal bleeding. The victim underwent multiple surgeries and had to be intubated.

Assistant District Attorney Christina Mavrikis of the District Attorney's Career Criminal Major Crimes Bureau is prosecuting the case along with the assistance of Assistant District Attorney Valerie Sakellaridis of the Domestic Violence Bureau under the supervision of Assistant District Attorney Michael Whitney, Bureau Chief of Career Criminal Major Crimes, and Roni C. Piplani and Timothy Regan, Deputy Bureau Chiefs, and under the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Shawn Clark.

