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### **Staten Island Man Indicted on Manslaughter Charges for Causing Death of Girlfriend**

*\*\*\* Jeffrey McDonald struck the victim, causing her vertebral artery to break, resulting in her death \*\*\**

STATEN ISLAND, NY – Richmond County District Attorney Michael E. McMahon today announced that JEFFREY McDONALD has been indicted on charges of Manslaughter in the First Degree and Manslaughter in the Second Degree for causing the death of his girlfriend, Alyssa Johnson.

“The defendant and his girlfriend had apparently been embroiled in a domestic dispute and he stands accused of punching her with such force that he severed an artery, causing the victim to bleed to death,” said District Attorney Michael E. McMahon. “I would encourage anyone who has been the victim of domestic abuse to contact their local police precinct, call my office at 718-876-6300 or dial 1-800-621-HOPE for the New York City Domestic Violence Hotline.”

According to the two-count indictment and documents filed in court, on or about and in between March 9, 2016 and March 10, 2016, inside of an apartment at 585 North Railroad Ave., McDONALD and Ms. Johnson got into a verbal argument. The defendant struck Ms. Johnson multiple times about her face and body, causing Ms. Johnson’s vertebral artery to break, causing Ms. Johnson’s death. In addition, during the autopsy, multiple bruises were observed on Ms. Johnson’s body.

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McDONALD was arraigned in State Supreme Court, St. George before Justice Stephen J. Rooney. He was ordered remanded.

The case is being prosecuted by ADA Jane Grinberg.

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The charges contained in the attached indictment are merely allegations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

Defendant Information:

Jeffrey McDonald

D.O.B. 6/27/92

585 North Railroad Ave., SI NY

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