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### **Sentencing in fatal stabbing of Farmingville woman**

A Bay Shore man arrested for stabbing a Farmingville woman to death in 2014 was sentenced to 17 years in state prison today, Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said.

Charles Pray, 36, pleaded guilty on June 10 to all of the charges in the indictment; murder in the second degree, criminal possession of stolen property in the third degree, grand larceny in the fourth degree, criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh degree, driving while impaired by drugs and aggravated unlicensed driving in the third degree.

The district attorney's office recommended Pray receive a sentence of 25 years to life.

The body of the victim, Monica Lino, 36, was found by her nephew in her home on Berkshire Drive on July 27, 2014 and Pray was arrested by Suffolk homicide detectives the next day.

In a letter composed by the victim's family and read in court, Mr. Pray was reminded that he took the innocent life of a mother of two children who are left with the haunting nightmare of their mother's violent death.

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