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***COMMUNITY PARTNER IN JUSTICE NOTIFICATION***

**Brooklyn Man Sentenced to 25 Years to Life in Stabbing Death of Girlfriend  
in Residential Mental Health Facility**

Brooklyn District Attorney Ken Thompson yesterday announced that Benjamin Braxton, 52, has been sentenced to 25 years to life in prison for stabbing to death his 48-year-old girlfriend, Raynell Howington, at a Brownsville residential mental health facility where they both lived.

In the afternoon on May 3, 2013, the defendant and Howington were in the computer room of The MacDougal Street Apartments, when the defendant began to slash his girlfriend of one year on the neck and legs with a box cutter. The defendant briefly left the room when someone opened the door and Howington managed to crawl to a door and open it. The defendant returned, dragged Howington into the hallway and kicked and slashed her repeatedly.

District Attorney Thompson said, "This defendant brutally attacked his girlfriend and left her to die in a hallway. He should now spend many years in prison to punish him and to protect society."

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