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Persistent Violent Felony Offender sentenced to 19 years to life for stabbing

A Deer Park man was sentenced today to 19 years to life in prison for stabbing a woman with a large kitchen knife during a domestic dispute in 2015, Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said.

Six weeks ago a jury convicted Gregory Barnes, 53, of assault in the second degree for stabbing Joyce Thomas of Huntington Station in the back of the head during an argument over leaving a party on Scott Avenue in Deer Park. Ms. Thomas was hospitalized and recovered from the injury.

Permanent orders of protection were issued for the victim and an eyewitness to the crime.

The January 31st guilty verdict was the fifth violent felony conviction for Barnes whose criminal history includes convictions for attempted robbery and weapons possession.

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