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Retired NYPD cop fires 10 shots at his wife, killing her in front of their children

Kevin Canty, 43, confessed to murdering his wife moments after the shooting on Saturday morning at their home in Ozone Park, Queens, cops said. His wife, Jessica Mera, was shot 10 times with a 9-mm. pistol. Canty was allegedly drunk and furious at Mera for sleeping with another man.

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Kevin Canty (r.) is seen here during his days as an NYPD cop.

An ex-NYPD cop accused of shooting his wife in front of two of their children called her a “whore,” but said he’s “sorry” and that her infidelity drove him to kill, a prosecutor revealed Sunday.

Kevin Canty, 43, made a stunning confession moments after blasting his wife, Jessica Mera, 10 times with a 9-mm. pistol Saturday morning, authorities said.

“I’m sorry,” Canty told a detective driving him from the Queens crime scene to the 102nd Precinct stationhouse for questioning.

“I love my wife. She was cheating on me,” Canty told the detective, a prosecutor revealed at his Easter Sunday arraignment in Queens Criminal Court.

Canty, who retired from the force last year on disability, called his wife a “whore” for having sex with a man he identified to the cop, the prosecutor said. “I know I’m going to jail,” he reportedly said.

Canty let loose the barrage of bullets inside their Ozone Park home — striking Mera, 40, in the



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Jessica Canty (l.) was killed Saturday at her home in Ozone Park, Queens. Her husband, Kevin Canty, allegedly shot her to death in a drunken rage for having sex with another man.

stomach, upper chest, breast, arm and armpit, a source said. He was charged Sunday with second-degree murder and criminal use of a firearm.

The couple's children ran to a store near the family's home and screamed, "Daddy shot mommy!"

Canty was apparently drunk when he was arrested near 97th and Centreville Sts. shortly after the shooting, police said.

The gunman was there trying to steal a car but was soon confronted by cops who found he still had his weapon with six shots left to fire, investigators said.

He faces up to 25 years to life in prison if convicted, said Meris Campbell, a spokeswoman for District Attorney Richard Brown.

Daniel Farrell, 55, who lives across the street from the family, said Canty told him in November he had been forced to retire from the NYPD after he tore his rotator cuff while leading self-

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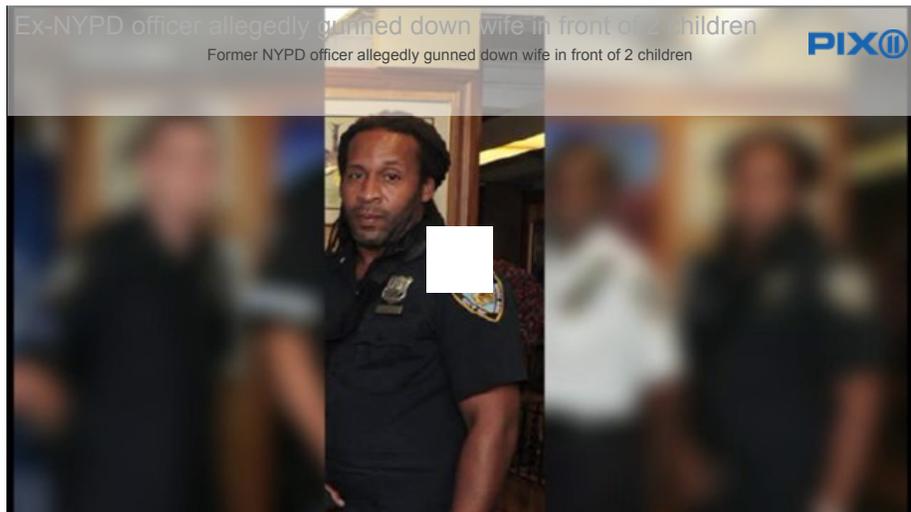
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Ex-NYPD officer allegedly gunned down wife in front of 2 children

Former NYPD officer allegedly gunned down wife in front of 2 children



defense training at the Police Academy. NYPD sources said Canty also had an alcohol problem.

Farrell said he occasionally smelled booze on Canty's breath and that he knew the cop took painkillers for his shoulder.

"You could smell drink on his breath every now and again," he said. "He was a quiet guy."



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He said that following the shooting, Canty took off running down the block after his kids.

Farrell said the doomed wife showed up on a neighbor's doorstep within the past few weeks, banging on the door and saying Canty had had too much to drink and was going to kill her.

A neighbor who asked not to be identified said she would hear the couple yelling and fighting at least once a week. "We tried to block it out, because it's a common thing," the neighbor said.

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