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Quincy Landlord admits Three manslaughters

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One of the three landlords charged with manslaughter in the deaths of two children and their father in a March, 2009 fire in a Quincy apartment house pled guilty yesterday (Monday, October 24, 2011) to three counts of manslaughter and all other indictments against her in Norfolk Superior court, according to Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey.

Jinny Xue Ma, 34, admitted her culpability as landlord of an illegal apartment that turned into a death trap for three members of a Quincy family when a lamp sparked a fire there on March 25, 2009. The apartment lacked smoke detectors and the mandatory second exit for use in case of fire, among other violations, according to evidence in the plea.

The fire at 100 Robertson Road claimed the life of Oudah Moshah Frawi, 39, his two-month old son Hassan Frawi and his year-old son Ali Oudah Frawi. Frawi's wife and the mother of the children survived with serious burn injuries.

"This was a senseless loss of life and a tremendous shock to the city of Quincy," District Attorney Morrissey said. "We felt that significant state prison time was warranted by the facts and loss of life in this case and based our sentence request on that."

Jinny Xue Ma pled guilty to three counts of manslaughter, four counts of Wanton or Reckless Violation of State Building Code (causing serious bodily injury or death) Chap. 148 Sec. 34B, and one count of perjury for falsifying documents related to the property.

Assistant District Attorney Lynn Beland asked Judge Kenneth Fishman to impose a sentence of 12 to 15 years in State Prison. The Court imposed a sentence of 2 1/2 years in the House of correction with six months to serve, followed by 3 years of probation. Conditions of probation include performing 200 hours of community service. Jinny Xue Ma was taken to jail from the courtroom to begin serving her sentence.

"The case against her co-defendants, her husband Jason Huang and his brother Andy Huang, remain open and pending in Norfolk Superior Court," District Attorney Morrissey said, noting that the Constitutional presumption of their innocence is intact. "They are due back in court Nov. 8, 2011."

District Attorney Morrissey also lauded the City of Quincy for utilizing its Illegal Rooming House Task Force in the wake of the fire to address scores of illegal apartments in the ensuing months, and their continuing efforts. He also thanked the Quincy Police and Fire Departments and the State Fire Marshall's office for their work in the investigation.

Any and all defendants mentioned are legally innocent until proven guilty.