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# Family-feud slay trial opens in Qns.

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"I am finishing the job," murder defendant Nicki Havner told her boyfriend as she smothered to death her brother's fiancée during a violent robbery, a prosecutor said yesterday.

And her boyfriend, Ivory Sanders, is set to testify against her, prosecutor Shawn Clarke said in his opening statement in Queens Supreme Court.

Havner, 27, is charged with first-degree murder in the 1999 slaying of Tracie Harrison, 29.

The defendant, along with five others including Sanders, went to Harrison's Jamaica home, hogtied the victim in her bedroom and emptied the house of electronic equipment, Clarke said.

It was Havner, Clarke said, who placed a pillow over Harrison's head, pressed her body against the victim's shoulders and suffocated her until she died.

Later, the defendant and her boyfriend returned and torched Harrison's home, he said.

But Havner's lawyer, Jonathan Lattimer III, told the jury his client was guilty only of enlisting "a group of vicious and violent people" to help her recover property stolen from her by Harrison and her fiancé, Ira Richardson.

Harrison had been arrested for the Sept. 5 gunpoint robbery of Havner's Brooklyn home along with the defendant's half-brother, Richardson.

But Havner wasn't satisfied. She wanted her stuff back, Lattimer said.

The humiliation of having "a shotgun rammed down her throat," by her estranged half-brother and his fiancée, led Havner to seek the help of her neighbor Willis Moore, who recruited three others to retrieve her property, Lattimer said.

Lattimer said his client was "naive" and made a mistake in "enlisting violent people."

Wearing gloves, two of the accomplices allegedly broke into the two-story house, waited for Harrison's light to go out and then bound her hands behind her back with black plastic ties and covered her face with duct tape leaving a small space for her mouth.

As Harrison moaned, Sanders, along with Kevin Brooks, Charles Robertson and Reginald Thompson, began moving TVs, VCRs, a computer, a stereo and construction equipment to the first floor, the prosecutor said.

Sanders was carrying a television by Harrison's bedroom door when he saw his girlfriend sitting on top of the victim, whose legs were "convulsing and gyrating," Clarke said.

After leaving the house, Sanders and Havner returned later and set the place on fire, the prosecution charges.

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