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**BRONX MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO KILLING HIS INFANT**  
**Defendant and His Wife Discarded Baby's Body in the Dutchess County Woods**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a 52-year-old Bronx man has pleaded guilty to first-degree Manslaughter for the killing of his infant son.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant brutally beat his 7-week-old son and didn't even call 911 or try to help the infant. For ending an innocent life that had barely begun, he will now spend 21 years in prison."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Jose Feliciano (AKA Alex Feliciano), 52, of 1849 Bogart Avenue, pleaded guilty today before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Margaret Clancy to first-degree Manslaughter and will be sentenced to 21 years in prison followed by five years post-release supervision.

According to the investigation, on the morning of December 10, 2015, Feliciano struck his infant son on the head after the baby, Mason Whyte, would not stop crying. Feliciano and his wife, Danielle Whyte, then drove from their Morris Park Avenue apartment to upstate New York and disposed of the body of their son in the woods of Dover, in Dutchess County.

The infant's body was found by police after Whyte revealed to officers what had happened following a suicide attempt. Charges are still pending against Whyte.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Trial Assistant Jill Starishevsky and Assistant District Attorney Erin Gise of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau under the supervision of Joseph Muroff, Chief of Special Victims Division.

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