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BRONX WOMAN INDICTED IN MURDER OF INFANT SON
Defendant Slammed 5-Month-Old's Head Against Wall, Did Not Seek Help

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx woman has been indicted on Murder and Manslaughter charges in the death of her 5-month-old son, who suffered a fractured skull after she slammed his head against a wall.

District Attorney Clark said, "This infant suffered grievous head injuries, allegedly inflicted by his mother. The crime was all the more callous because she allegedly did not obtain medical attention for the baby for more than an hour. We will get justice for this innocent life that was taken so soon."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Joann McLeod, 30, of 1420 Bronx River Avenue, has been indicted on second-degree Murder, first and second-degree Manslaughter and Endangering the Welfare of a Child. She was arraigned today before Bronx Supreme Court Justice George Villegas and remand was continued. She is due back in court on October 2, 2018.

According to the investigation, between midnight on June 3, 2018 and 9 a.m. on June 4, 2018, inside McLeod's apartment in 1420 Bronx River Avenue, the defendant picked up her 5-month-old son, Raymond Porfil Jr., shook him and slammed his head against a wall several times. She purposefully did not obtain medical attention for the infant for more than an hour, including leaving the apartment for a period of time.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Astrid Borgstedt, Trial Counsel of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau, under the supervision of Rachel Ferrari, Chief of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau, and the overall supervision of Joseph Muroff, Chief of the Special Victims Division. District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Detectives Christian Gutierrez of the 43rd Precinct Squad and John Ferretti of the Bronx Homicide Squad.

An indictment is an accusatory instrument and not proof of a defendant's guilt.