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BRONX MAN INDICTED IN BRUTAL MURDER OF NEWBORN SON **Infant Sustained Multiple Injuries to the Body**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been indicted on Murder and Manslaughter charges in the death of his 38-day-old son.

District Attorney Clark said, “The defendant allegedly threw his infant son to the ground after he became frustrated with the baby’s crying. We will pursue justice for this most innocent victim and for the family members coping with such a horrible loss.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Christian Rodriguez, 25, of the Bronx, was arraigned today on second-degree Murder, and first and second-degree Manslaughter before Bronx Supreme Court Justice George Villegas. The defendant was remanded and is due back in court on June 5, 2019.

According to the investigation, on the night of March 18, 2019, the defendant left a family gathering with the infant, Aiden Rodriguez, and went to their Bronx home. The defendant said he hit the baby’s head on the edge of a doorframe while holding him and trying to maneuver the stroller into the bedroom. Rodriguez allegedly threw the child on the floor after he wouldn’t stop crying.

The victim was taken to Lincoln Hospital where doctors were able to revive and intubate Aiden. The newborn was transferred to Columbia Presbyterian Hospital where he went into cardiac arrest upon arrival and was pronounced dead after efforts to revive him were unsuccessful. According to the medical examiner, the infant had several injuries to his body, including a large skull fracture and trauma to his brain.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Astrid Borgstedt, Trial Counsel in the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau, under the supervision of Rachel Ferrari, Chief of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau, and under the overall supervision Joseph Muroff, Chief of the Special Victims Division.

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District Attorney Clark thanked Assistant District Attorney Amir Fadl of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau for his assistance in the case. District Attorney Clark also thanked Detective Jose Romero of the 40th Precinct Detective Squad and Detective John Ferretti from the Bronx Homicide Task Force.

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

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