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BRONX WOMAN SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS IN PRISON FOR MANSLAUGHTER IN DEATH OF INFANT SON

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx woman has been sentenced to 10 years in prison and five years post-release supervision in the killing of her five-month-old son, who died after his mother slammed his head against a wall, fracturing his skull, and did not seek medical attention for him.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant inflicted grievous head injuries on the infant and left him to suffer for more than an hour before obtaining medical attention. She will now serve time in prison for callously causing the death of this innocent child whose life had barely begun."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Joann McLeod, 32, of 1420 Bronx River Avenue, was sentenced today to 10 years in prison and five years post-release supervision by Bronx Supreme Court Justice James McCarty. She pleaded guilty to first-degree Manslaughter on October 22, 2019.

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 five-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 was 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 Trial Preparation Assistant Yolanda Siders-Lewis for her assistance. District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Detective Christian Gutierrez of the 43rd Precinct Squad and NYPD Detective John Ferretti of the Homicide Task Force for their help in the investigation.