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**BRONX MAN INDICTED FOR CRIMINALLY NEGLIGENT HOMICIDE  
IN VEHICULAR DEATH OF TODDLER GIRL  
Defendant Struck Child With SUV That Jumped a Curb**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been indicted on Criminally Negligent Homicide and additional charges in the vehicular crash that killed a 20-month-old girl.

District Attorney Clark said, "The vehicle the defendant was driving jumped on a sidewalk where a mother had stopped to feed her daughter, who was in a stroller. The defendant's actions caused the death of the baby. My condolences to the mother who saw her child die in such a tragic way."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Kier Boneparte, 22, of East 215 Street, was arraigned today on Criminally Negligent Homicide, Leaving the Scene of an Incident Without Reporting and Violations of the Vehicle and Traffic Law before Bronx Supreme Court Justice George Villegas. The defendant was released on his own recognizance and is due back in court on March 31, 2020.

According to the investigation, in the afternoon of September 17, 2019, the defendant was allegedly driving a 2002 BMW SUV without a driver's license, while the car's owner sat in the passenger seat. At White Plains Road and East 215 Street, the defendant attempted to make a right turn and lost control. The vehicle jumped the curb, going directly towards a woman who was standing on the sidewalk while her daughter, Djeneba Magassa, sat in a stroller. The child was pinned between the vehicle and a wall. Witnesses helped free the child and she was taken to Montefiore Medical Center. Djeneba sustained blunt force injuries to her head and torso and was pronounced dead shortly after arriving at the hospital.

According to the investigation, the defendant left the crash scene and walked down the street. Police Officers stopped him and took him into custody.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Edward Purce of the Homicide Bureau, under the supervision of Christine Scaccia, Chief of the Homicide Bureau, and under the



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overall supervision of James Brennan, Deputy Chief of the Trial Division, and Theresa Gottlieb, Chief of the Trial Division.

District Attorney Clark thanked Detectives Frank Cardamone and Jose Diaz of the Collision Investigation Division for their assistance in the investigation. District Attorney Clark also thanked NYPD Police Officers Felix Tejada and Alexis Almanzar of the 47<sup>th</sup> Precinct.

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

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