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BRONX MAN INDICTED FOR FATALLY BEATING AND SEXUALLY ABUSING GIRLFRIEND'S ONE-YEAR-OLD CHILD

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been indicted on Murder and additional charges in the death of his girlfriend's one-year-old son.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant, Keishawn Gordon, allegedly carried out monstrous acts against defenseless one-year-old Legacy Beauford. Gordon allegedly inflicted blunt force trauma on the child, leaving him with a lacerated liver, and allegedly sexually abused the infant. We will seek justice for the innocent child, who suffered so much."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Keishawn Gordon, 24, of 420 East 169th Street was arraigned today on two counts of second-degree Murder, first and second-degree Manslaughter, and first-degree Aggravated Sexual Abuse before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Efrain Alvarado. The defendant was is due back in court on January 24, 2022.

According to the investigation, between September 8 and September 9, 2021, the defendant was allegedly in the home he shared with his girlfriend and was babysitting her son, Legacy Beauford, 1, while the child's mother was not home. The defendant allegedly violently squeezed the baby and threw him up in the air and hit him in the face because the child would not stop crying. The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner determined the child sustained multiple blunt force trauma injuries to the torso, which led to a lacerated liver and internal bleeding. The defendant also allegedly sexually abused the child with a toothbrush.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Danielle Pascale, Deputy Chief of the Child Abuse/Sex Crime Bureau, and Rachael Baughman, of 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 of Adrienne Giunta, Deputy Chief of the Special Victims Division, and Joseph Muroff, Chief of the Special Victims Division. District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Detectives Michael Best of the 42nd Precinct Squad and Robert Cintron of Bronx Homicide Task Force.

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