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**BRONX WOMAN INDICTED FOR MURDER OF HER TWO YOUNG SONS
INSIDE FAMILY SHELTER
Defendant Stabbed Children Multiple Times, Submerged Them in Bathtub**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx woman has been indicted on Murder charges in the fatal stabbing of her eleven-month-old and three-year-old sons inside a family shelter.

District Attorney Clark said, "Children should be safe and feel protected by their mothers. Instead, these little boys were allegedly stabbed multiple times then submerged in a bathtub by their mother. The defendant's alleged actions against her children are chilling. I send my heartfelt condolences to the family and loved ones of these innocent young boys, Octavius and Daishawn, who were taken too soon."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Dimone Fleming, 23, who was living in a family shelter at 246 Echo Place, was arraigned today on first-degree Murder, four counts of second-degree Murder, and two counts of first-degree Manslaughter before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Brenda Rivera. The defendant was remanded and is due back in court on August 7, 2024.

According to the investigation, on November 26, 2022, inside the apartment in 246 Echo Place, the defendant allegedly murdered her two children, Octavius Canada, 11 months old, and Daishawn Fleming, three years old. According to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, the children had extensive stab and slicing wounds to their necks and surrounding areas. Both children had four fatal wounds. They were found lifeless in a bathtub full of water covered by a dark sheet. The defendant was allegedly the sole caretaker of the children inside of their home at the time of their death.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Tiffany Wichman, Supervisor in the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau, under the supervision of Johanna Hernandez and Alexandra Militano, Deputy Chiefs of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau, Mimi Mairs, Chief of the Child



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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 Senior Trial Counsel Astrid Borgstedt and Assistant District Attorney Rebecca Farrar, both of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau, for their work on the case. District Attorney Clark also thanked Trial Preparation Assistant Elaina Clarke.

District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Detective Diego Marin of the 46th Precinct, Detective Patrick Flatley of Bronx Homicide and Detective Julie Casale of the Crime Scene Unit for their work in the investigation. District Attorney Clark also thanked FDNY Emergency Medical Services and the responding officers from the 46th Precinct for their extensive efforts to render aid to the children at the scene.

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

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