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BRONX MAN INDICTED FOR FATALLY STABBING HIS PARTNER IN JEALOUS RAGE WHILE A CHILD WAS PRESENT

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been indicted on second-degree Murder and other related charges for fatally stabbing the mother of his two children.

District Attorney Clark said, "This defendant is accused of viciously stabbing the mother of his children while their 2-year-old daughter was present in the apartment. We will get justice for the children and their family."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Khaleel Cooper, 39, of East 232nd Street, the Bronx was indicted on second-degree Murder, first-degree Manslaughter, fourth-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon and Endangering the Welfare of a Child. The defendant was arraigned today by Bronx Supreme Court Justice George Villegas. He was remanded. His next court appearance is scheduled for October 21, 2025.

According to the investigation, on the evening of June 28, 2025, a relative of Tamara Rowe, 40, flagged down the police and led them to the apartment. Officers found Rowe on the floor of the bathroom, motionless and covered with blood. A 2-year-old child was found unharmed in one of the bedrooms. Rowe was rushed to the hospital where she was pronounced dead. Cooper turned himself in two days later, flagging down a police car. In the drive to the 44th Precinct station house, the defendant allegedly made incriminating statements.

The case is being prosecuted by Major Case Assistant District Attorney Megan Leo and Trial Counsel David Birnbaum of the Domestic Violence Bureau, under the supervision of Agata DiGiovanni, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau, and under the overall supervision of Adrienne Giunta, Deputy Chief of Special Victims Division, and Joseph Muroff, Chief of Special Victims Division. District Attorney Clark thanked Trial Preparation Assistant Alex Dasent for his assistance in the case.











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District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Detectives Brigette Medina from the 44th Precinct Detective Squad and, Steven Doyle from Bronx Homicide Task Force for their work on the case.

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