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DA McMahon: Staten Island Man Indicted for Murder of Woman and Two Children

**** Michael Sykes brutally stabbed the victims to death inside a North Shore hotel ****

STATEN ISLAND, NY – Richmond County District Attorney Michael E. McMahon today announced that MICHAEL SYKES has been indicted on charges including three counts of Murder in the First Degree for the stabbing deaths of Rebecca Cutler, Ziana Cutler and Maliyah Sykes and one count of Attempted Murder in the First Degree for attempting to kill Miracle Cutler.

“These cold-blooded murders were carried out against a woman and her innocent children. It’s almost incomprehensible to think a father and lover could do that to his partner, her children, and, most shockingly, his own child,” said District Attorney Michael E. McMahon. “It is the goal of my office to seek justice for these victims and to hold this defendant accountable for these barbaric attacks.”

According to the 14-count indictment and documents filed in court, on Feb. 10, 2016, inside the Ramada Inn located on North Gannon Avenue, SYKES stabbed Rebecca Cutler over 40 times about her body, resulting in her death. The defendant also stabbed Ziana Cutler, 1, and Maliyah Sykes, 5-months, each approximately 9 times about their bodies resulting in the deaths. Additionally, he stabbed Miracle Cutler, 2, approximately 11 times about her body causing her to be hospitalized in critical condition. After the stabbings, SYKES fled the Ramada Inn and discarded the knife. He was apprehended and arrested on Feb. 13, 2016.

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SYKES will be arraigned on March 4, 2016 in State Supreme Court, St. George.

The case is being prosecuted by ADA Nina Spadafora of the Supreme Court Bureau.

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The charges contained in the attached indictment are merely allegations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

Defendant Information:

Michael Sykes

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