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D.A. McMahon: Staten Island Woman Indicted for Murder for Allegedly Causing Infant Son's Death

Anwar Jawad is accused of failing to provide the necessary food, nourishment and hydration of her son, causing his death

Staten Island, N.Y. – Richmond County District Attorney Michael E. McMahon today announced that ANWAR JAWAD was indicted on charges including Murder in the Second Degree, Manslaughter in the Second Degree, Criminally Negligent Homicide, and Endangering the Welfare of a Child for causing the death of her 7-month-old son, Dameen Mohammed.

“The victim in this case, a 7-month-old infant, was left unattended without food or water for a long period of time and died as a result of his mother’s alleged neglect and depraved indifference,” said District Attorney Michael E. McMahon. “These acts should be unfathomable and yet this baby’s life was taken unnecessarily and far too soon, striking at the very chord of what it means to be an innocent victim. We will work tirelessly to hold this defendant accountable for the cruel actions she is alleged to have committed and to ensure that justice is served on behalf of this baby.”

According to an indictment and documents filed in court, on or about and between December 1, 2016 and January 7, 2017, inside of 38 Elie Court, JAWAD allegedly neglected to provide her infant son with the necessary food, nourishment and hydration, causing his death.

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JAWAD was arraigned today in Richmond County State Supreme Court, St. George, and remanded.

The case is being prosecuted by ADAs Melissa O’Leary and Wanda DeOliveira, Chief Trial Counsel.

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

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