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**STEP-GRANDFATHER CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER 1, 2
IN DEATH OF TODDLER POSEIDON QUINONES**

(Bronx, NY – January 13, 2015) – Bronx County District Attorney Robert Johnson announces that, today, in front of Supreme Court Justice Margaret Clancy, 34-year-old FERNANDO YENSI pled not guilty to charges of Manslaughter in the 1st and 2nd Degrees in the death of his 3-year-old step-grandson, POSEIDON QUINONES.

Arraigned this afternoon following a Grand Jury indictment, YENSI is accused of inflicting what the medical examiner called the “compressive blunt force” trauma on the little boy, who was in his care while Yensi’s wife, Madeline, the child’s grandmother, was at work.

It is believed the injuries to POSEIDON QUINONES occurred while his grandmother was at work on the overnight hours of November 13th to 14th, 2014.

In the middle of the night on November 15th, Poseidon was discovered unresponsive, taken to the hospital by EMS, and subsequently pronounced dead.

The little boy had been in MADELINE and FERNANDO YENSI’s care after the New York City Administration for Child Services had removed the child from his mother’s home.

YENSI’s case has been adjourned until April 14th, 2015. If convicted on the charges, YENSI faces a maximum sentence of 25 years behind bars. The case against FERNANDO YENSI is being prosecuted by Assistant D.A. Jill Starishevsky of the Bronx D.A.’s Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau.

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