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## **PRESS RELEASE**

# **PARENTS INDICTED IN DEATH OF INFANT SON**

Bronx, NY – January 26, 2016) – Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark announces the indictment of **JOSE “Alex” FELICIANO and DANIELLE WHYTE** in the death of their seven-week-old son, MASON TYLER FELICIANO, after which they are accused of transporting the child’s body to Putnam, and then Dutchess County, where they left him in a wooded area.

In separate proceedings today, JOSE “Alex” FELICIANO pled not guilty before Justice Margaret Clancy to:

**Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree (Class A-I Felony, 2 counts)**  
**Manslaughter in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree (Class B Felony)**  
**Concealment of a Human Corpse (Class C Felony)**

DANIELLE WHYTE pled not guilty before Justice Margaret Clancy to:

**Manslaughter in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree (Class C Felony)**  
**Criminally Negligent Homicide (Class E Felony)**  
**Concealment of a Human Corpse (Class C Felony)**

If convicted on all charges, the 51-year-old FELICIANO faces 25 years to life in prison; DANIELLE WHYTE, age 31, faces up to 15 years behind bars.

It is alleged that, on or about December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015, JOSE FELICIANO applied blunt force trauma to his baby’s head. While the child was still alive, neither parent called 911 or elsewhere for help. Instead, it is further alleged that once the baby died at their home on Bogart Avenue in the Morris Park section of the Bronx, they drove to Brewster, NY. That night, they checked in to Heidi’s Inn on Route 22. It is also alleged that the parents drove into Dover in Dutchess County, that weekend, where they disposed of the body.

FELICIANO was remanded to jail, and his case was adjourned until March 29<sup>th</sup> in Part 79. WHYTE was also remanded; her bail will be decided in Part 79 on Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at Noon.

The cases against DANIELLE WHYTE and JOSE “Alex” FELICIANO are being prosecuted by Assistant D.A.s Jill Starishevsky and Erin Yavener of the Bronx DA Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau.

An indictment is merely an accusation; all defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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