



14/2016
www.bronxda.nyc.gov

DARCEL D. CLARK
DISTRICT ATTORNEY, BRONX COUNTY

198 EAST 161ST STREET
BRONX, N.Y. 10451
(718) 590-2234

PRESS RELEASE

BAIL SET FOR DANIELLE WHYTE IN DEATH OF INFANT SON

(Bronx, NY – January 29, 2016) – Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark announces the results of a bail hearing today following the indictment of **DANIELLE WHYTE**, who, along with the child’s father, has been charged in connection with the death of her seven-week-old son, MASON TYLER FELICIANO.

Justice Margaret Clancy set bail for DANIELLE WHYTE at \$50,000 bond/\$25,000 cash. Earlier this week during arraignment before Justice Clancy, DANIELLE WHYTE pled not guilty to:

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

JOSE “Alex” FELICIANO also pled not guilty at his arraignment before Justice Clancy to:

Murder in the 2nd Degree (Class A-I Felony, 2 counts)
Manslaughter in the 1st Degree (Class B 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 10th, 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 a motel in Brewster, NY. 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; his case was adjourned until March 29th in Part 79. DANIELLE WHYTE’s case was adjourned until April 12th, Part 79.

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.

###