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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 18 YEARS IN PRISON IN FATAL
BEATING OF INFANT NEPHEW**
Defendant Fractured Two-Month-Old Child's Skull For Crying

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a 34-year-old Bronx man has been sentenced to 18 years in prison and five years post-release supervision for fatally striking his two-month-old step-nephew in the head, inflicting multiple skull fractures, while babysitting the infant.

District Attorney Clark said, "This defendant brutally struck 2-month-old Joemill Greer because he was crying, and as the baby lay mortally injured, the defendant didn't even call 911. Now he will spend 18 years in prison for ending a life that had barely begun."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Luis Cartagena, 34, of 1097 Walton Avenue in the Concourse section of the Bronx, was sentenced on Friday, May 13, 2016, in Bronx Supreme Court by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Margaret Clancy to 18 years in prison with five years of post-release supervision. Cartagena pleaded guilty on April 9th, 2016, to second-degree Attempted Murder.

According to the investigation, on October 27th, 2014, Joemill Greer's mother left the infant in Cartagena's care. During that time the child suffered several blows to the head, which Cartagena alternately blamed on dropping the child and the child's head hitting a bedpost. Cartagena did not call 911 or inform the child's mother of any injuries.

The child suffered severe injuries including multiple skull fractures, bilateral multi-layered retinal hemorrhages, a subdural hematoma, and subarachnoid bleed in the brain. During his plea allocution, Cartagena admitted to striking the infant several times in the head to stop him from crying.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Lauren Di Chiara of the Child Abuse/Sex Crime Bureau.

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