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**BRONX MAN INDICTED FOR MURDER OF TWO-YEAR-OLD BOY**  
**Defendant Allegedly Beat Toddler So Severely His Liver Was Transected**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been indicted for allegedly beating a two-year-old boy to death in the Bronx.

District Attorney Clark said, “The defendant allegedly beat the defenseless toddler while he was supposed to be taking care of the boy. The child received multiple blunt force injuries to the body. The fatal blows were those inflicted in the toddler’s torso, which led to a transected liver.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Kenneth Lynch, 36, who was residing at 1725 Bruckner Boulevard, was arraigned on second-degree Murder, first-degree Manslaughter, and second-degree Manslaughter today before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Lester Adler. The defendant was remanded and is due back in court on November 13, 2018.

According to the investigation, on May 24, 2018 at 1725 Bruckner Boulevard, the defendant allegedly beat the victim, Messiah Allen, causing his death. The child received multiple blows to the body, including fatal injuries to his torso. The defendant was living with the victim’s mother at the time. The mother was at work when the beating occurred.

The case is being prosecuted by Danielle Pascale, Deputy Bureau Chief of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau, and Assistant District Attorney Johnathan Vega of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau under the supervision of Rachel Ferrari, Chief of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau, and the overall supervision of Joseph Muroff, Chief of the Special Victims Division. District Attorney Clark thanked Detective Austin Denio of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Precinct and Bronx Homicide Detective Christine Reyes for their assistance in the case.

**An indictment is an accusatory instrument and not proof of a defendant’s guilt.**

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