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BRONX WOMAN INDICTED IN DROWNING DEATH OF HER BABY 11-Month-Old Girl Allegedly Left Alone in Bathtub for 90 Minutes

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx woman has been indicted for Manslaughter, Criminally Negligent Homicide, and additional charges in the death of her 11-month-old daughter who drowned in a bathtub.

District Attorney Clark said, “The defendant allegedly left her baby alone in a bathtub with water for an hour and half while she went grocery shopping and picked up her other two children from daycare. This was a callous disregard for the safety of her baby.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Victoria Rivera, 31, of 1314 West Farms Road, was arraigned January 23, 2025, on second-degree Manslaughter, Criminally Negligent Homicide, and Endangering the Welfare of a Child before Bronx Supreme Court Justice George Villegas. The defendant was placed on house arrest and electric monitoring. She is due back in court February 19, 2025.

According to the investigation, on August 14, 2024, at approximately 6:11 p.m., the defendant allegedly left her 11-month-old daughter, Jazeli Mirabal, in a bathtub with water for an hour and a half while getting groceries and picking up her other two children from daycare. Jazeli’s body was discovered with bruises on her head. Her body temperature was 89.6 degrees, consistent with drowning near the time the defendant allegedly left her home. The investigation found that Rivera allegedly left Jazeli home alone on numerous occasions for long periods of time.

The case is being prosecuted by Major Case Assistant District Attorney Siobhan McHale of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau, under the supervision of Johanna Hernandez, Deputy Chief of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau, Mimi Mairs, Chief of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau, and under the overall supervision of Adrienne Giunta, Deputy Chief of Special Victims Division and Joseph Muroff, Chief of Special Victims Division.

District Attorney Clark thanked Trial Preparation Supervisor Elaina Clarke, Child Abuse/Sex



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Crimes Bureau Coordinator Erin Schiotis, and BXDA Intelligence Analyst Jonathan Mulhern of the Crime Strategies Bureau for their assistance in the case.

District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Detective Stephen Doyle of Bronx Homicide Squad, Sergeant Kelvin Marte, Detective Fitz Edouard and NYPD Officer Assad Tawil of the 42 Precinct, and Detectives Timothy Hoffman and Kelvin Sanchez of the Bronx Child Abuse Squad.

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