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**LONG ISLAND WOMAN AND HER BOYFRIEND CHARGED**  
**WITH ABANDONING 6-YEAR-OLD GIRL ON QUEENS STREET**

*Child Found Carrying Her Belongings in a Bag in Laurelton Neighborhood;  
Biological Father Lived Nearby;  
Defendants Face Up to 1 1/3 to 4 Years in Prison if Convicted*

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz today announced that a 29-year-old Patchogue woman and her 28-year-old boyfriend have been charged with abandonment of a child and other crimes for allegedly leaving the little girl alone on 140<sup>th</sup> Avenue near Springfield Boulevard in Laurelton, Queens Monday morning.

District Attorney Katz said, “This mother is alleged to have abandoned her terrified youngster on a street corner with her clothes in a plastic bag and no regard for the child’s safety or well-being. The defendant’s boyfriend allegedly participated in the crime and had complained about her ‘crying like a little b\*tch.’ Thankfully, a good Samaritan found the youngster and took her to two school safety agents.”

The District Attorney’s Office identified the defendants as Patrice Chambers, 29, and Mark Pamphile, 28, both of Patchogue in Suffolk County, Long Island. The defendants were arraigned last night before Queens Criminal Court Judge Jeffrey Gershuny on a complaint charging them with abandonment of a child, reckless endangerment in the second degree and endangering the welfare of a child. The pair was released on their own recognizance. Judge Gershuny ordered Chambers and Pamphile to return to court on August 21, 2020. If convicted, the defendants face up to 1 1/3 to 4 years in prison.

According to the charges, said District Attorney Katz, just before 11:30 a.m. on Monday, May 18, 2020, defendant Chambers, with Pamphile in the passenger seat, stopped her white vehicle near the intersection of 140<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Springfield Boulevard and ordered her little girl out of the car. The child’s belongings in plastic bags were thrown out of the car and the mother allegedly left the youngster there. Chambers’ white vehicle was observed on video surveillance stopped at that intersection and the girl can be seen exiting the car and the bags tossed out. The video images allegedly show the woman driving away and the little girl running in the street picking up her clothes.

Continuing, the DA said, according to the complaint, the girl was found not too far from where her biological father lives. Defendant Pamphile allegedly had previously left voicemail messages on the victim’s dad’s phone threatening to abandon the girl if he didn’t pay the defendant. Pamphile also

allegedly stated in a previous message that the girl now had no place to sleep and that “she was crying like a little b\*tch.”

Continuing, according to the charges, the child was found by an eyewitness shortly after the car left the neighborhood. The stranger took the girl to school safety agents in a nearby park, who notified police. The child is now in the custody of child protective services.

The investigation was conducted by Detective Michael Rotanz of the New York City Police Department’s 113<sup>th</sup> Precinct.

Assistant District Attorney Kasey Parente of the District Attorney’s Special Victims Bureau, will be prosecuting the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorney Eric Rosenbaum, Bureau Chief, Debra Lynn Pomodore, Deputy Bureau Chief, and under the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Daniel A. Saunders.

It should be noted that a criminal complaint is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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