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QUEENS MOTHER ARRAIGNED ON CHARGES
OF ATTEMPTED MURDER OF NEWBORN BOY
Baby Allegedly Tossed Out of Window After Birth;
Defendant Faces Up To 25 Years in Prison If Convicted

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz today announced that Sabita Dookram, 23, has been charged with attempted murder and other crimes for allegedly tossing her newborn son out of her bathroom window shortly after she gave birth.

District Attorney Katz said, “This is a heartbreaking situation. A newborn baby has suffered greatly because of the alleged actions of his mother, who now faces serious charges and a lengthy prison sentence.”

Dookram, of 126th Street in Richmond Hill, was arraigned today before Queens Criminal Court Judge Toko Serita on charges of attempted murder in the second degree, assault in the first degree, reckless assault of a child, 2 counts of assault in the second degree and endangering the welfare of a child. Judge Serita ordered the defendant to return to court on November 5, 2020. If convicted, the defendant faces up to 25 years in prison.

District Attorney Katz said that, according to the charges, at approximately 10 a.m. on October 11, 2020, a neighbor heard whimpering noises coming from outside. When the neighbor went out to see what was making the noise she observed a newborn baby boy lying naked on the ground, next to the building’s garbage.

Continuing, said DA Katz, officers responding to the location saw blood on the ground, on the side wall leading up to the first floor bathroom window and on the window sill of the defendant’s bathroom.

When questioned by police officers, the defendant stated in sum and substance, according to the complaint, “I gave birth yesterday afternoon. I cut the cord with a scissor from the bathroom. I panicked and threw it out of the bathroom window. I did not check on the baby, I put my clothes in the laundry hamper in the bathroom, I showered and went to sleep.”

The defendant and the baby were transported to a local Queens hospital. Upon admission to the hospital, the baby was placed on a ventilator and then transferred to Cohen Children’s Medical Center.

An examination of the newborn at the Cohen Children’s Medical Center revealed that the baby sustained a traumatic brain injury with bleeding and swelling about the brain and scalp and an abdominal injury with internal bleeding.

The investigation was conducted by Detectives Anthony Davis of the New York City Police Departments 106th Precinct Detective Squad, under the supervision of Sergeant Abraham Cruz and Detectives Thomas

Cappolla and James Zozzaro, of the Queens South Homicide Squad under the supervision of Lieutenant Richard Rudolph

Assistant District Attorney Melissa A. Kelly, Supervisor of Child Physical Abuse Investigations of the District Attorney's Special Victims Bureau is prosecuting the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Eric C. Rosenbaum, Bureau Chief, Debra Lynn Pomodore and Brian C. Hughes, Deputy Chiefs, and under the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Daniel A. Saunders.

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