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LONG ISLAND RESIDENT CHARGED WITH MURDER IN DEATH OF GIRLFRIEND
WHOSE BODY WAS DUMPED ON QUEENS EXPRESSWAY
Defendant Faces Up to 25 Years-to-Life in Prison if Convicted

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz announced today that Goey Charles, 29, has been charged with murder in the death of his girlfriend, whose body was found Friday morning alongside the Horace Harding Expressway.

District Attorney Katz said, “This is a heartbreaking case. A pregnant woman was allegedly killed by this defendant – the father of her unborn child. Her family is devastated. The defendant is in custody and will answer for his alleged actions.”

Charles, of Rochelle Court in Uniondale, is being held pending arraignment in Queens Criminal Court on a complaint charging him with murder in the second degree. If convicted, Charles faces up to 25 years-to-life in prison.

The DA said, on Friday, October 23, 2020, at about 2:50 a.m. video surveillance shows the defendant pull over at 216-07 Horace Harding Expressway. Charles exited the driver’s seat of a 2019 white Dodge Challenger, which is registered in the name of the victim, Vanessa Pierre. He moved to the backseat where Ms. Pierre could be seen moving on the video footage. And then soon afterwards, all movement stopped and the victim appeared to lay across the backseat motionless. At approximately 4:38 a.m., the defendant is observed exiting the vehicle and then allegedly dragging the pregnant woman out of the car and dropping her body onto the sidewalk.

According to the charges, the defendant allegedly left the woman’s dying body on the side of the roadway, returned to the vehicle and fled the scene.

DA Katz said that, at approximately 6 a.m., a passerby saw the 29-year-old woman on the ground in front of 216-07 Horace Harding Parkway. Ms. Pierre had gray sweatpants wrapped around her neck. She was unresponsive and unconscious and responding EMS technicians pronounced her dead at the scene.

The defendant was identified in a photo array and in video stills and apprehended yesterday evening by members of the New York City Police Department’s 111th Precinct Detective Squad.

Assistant District Attorney Joseph Grasso with Senior Assistant District Attorneys Franchesca Basso and Kristin Papadopoulos of the District Attorney's Homicide Bureau are prosecuting the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Brad Leventhal, Bureau Chief, Peter J. McCormack III, Senior Deputy Bureau

Chief, John W. Kosinski and Kenneth M. Appelbaum, Deputy Bureau Chiefs, and under the overall supervision of Senior Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Daniel A. Saunders.

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