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QUEENS MAN CHARGED IN FATAL STABBING OF PREGNANT GIRLFRIEND

Faces Life in Prison

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that a Queens man has been charged with fatally stabbing his girlfriend – who was nine months’ pregnant – inside her South Ozone Park apartment last month. The victim was murdered on her due date.

District Attorney Brown said, “It is difficult to imagine a crime more heinous than that of a man brutally murdering a pregnant woman. What should have been a most joyous occasion for the victim and her family, the defendant is accused of turning into one of unbelievable sorrow – further compounded by the fact that he is alleged to have escorted the victim’s mother back to the murder scene and allowed her to make the grisly discovery.”

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Derrick W. Redd, 35, of 87-05 166th Street in Jamaica, Queens. Redd, who is presently awaiting arraignment in Queens Criminal Court, is charged with second-degree murder (intentional), fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon and second-degree abortifacient act. If convicted, he faces up to 25 years to life in prison.

District Attorney Brown said that, according to the charges, on October 25, 2008, Redd murdered Niasha Delain, 25, inside her residence at 109-57 Lefferts Boulevard in South Ozone Park by fatally stabbing her multiple times in the neck, arms and torso – including six stab wounds to the fetus in utero.

The investigation was conducted by detectives assigned to the New York City Police Department’s 106th Precinct Detective Squad.

Assistant District Attorney Suzanne D. O’Hare, of the District Attorney’s Homicide Investigations Bureau, is prosecuting the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorney Peter T. Reese, Bureau Chief, and Peter J. McCormack III, Deputy Bureau Chief, and the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Charles A. Testagrossa and Deputy Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Daniel A. Saunders.

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

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