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QUEENS WOMAN INDICTED FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER
IN KNIFE ATTACK OF THREE INFANTS AND TWO ADULTS
Defendant Faces Between 5 and 25 Years in Prison if Convicted

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that a Queens County grand jury has indicted a 52-year-old Queens woman for attempted murder, assault and other charges in the unprovoked knife attack of three newborns and two other individuals present in the location during the early morning hours of Friday, September 21, 2018. These two individuals - one being a father and another female worker - sustained serious injuries in their attempts to thwart the defendant's efforts to continue her heinous crime.

Queens District Attorney Brown said, "The defendant carried out a brutal attack on several individuals including defenseless, innocent children. With a knife in hand, the defendant slashed and stabbed several infants - the youngest victim just 13-days old - a father staying at the location and another female care giver. Her unspeakable actions will not go unpunished and she will now face a lengthy term of incarceration as result of the nature of the crimes committed."

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Yufen Wang, 52, of Cherry Avenue in Flushing, Queens. The defendant has been indicted this morning on a 10-count indictment charging her with four counts of second-degree attempted murder, four counts of first-degree assault, one count of second-degree assault and one count of fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon before Acting Queens Supreme Court Justice Suzanne J. Melendez, who ordered the defendant to return to court November 16, 2018. If convicted, the defendant faces between 5 and 25 years in prison.

District Attorney Brown said that, according to the indictment, at approximately 3 a.m., on September 21, 2018, the defendant allegedly knifed a fellow caretaker, a 63-year-old woman, seven times in the leg, face and chest as she was feeding an infant in the kitchen of a three-story residence located at 43-67 161st Street. Wang also stabbed the infant the woman was feeding at the time, before proceeding to harm the other inhabitants of the residence. A father to one of the children in the center awoke to the sounds of Wang slashing and stabbing two more baby girls and tried to stop the knife-wielding woman. The defendant then stabbed 31-year-old Meng Xu in the leg and bit him on the wrist. The female co-worker sustained knife wounds to her face, chest and legs.

Furthermore said District Attorney Brown, according to the indictment, Wang's infant victims were left with a range of severe injuries. A 22-day-old girl injured during the melee suffered lacerations to her face, chest and ear. A 33-day-old infant girl sustained injuries to her abdomen and back. The youngest of the victims, just 13-days-old suffered knife wounds to her abdomen, face and chest.

The District Attorney said police recovered two knives at the scene, one on the first floor, which was used by Wang to attack the victims and a second knife in the basement, where the defendant fled to following the crime and was later apprehended with what appeared to be self-inflicted wounds to her neck and wrist.

The investigation was conducted by Detective Christopher Austin of the New York City Police Department's 109th Precinct under the supervision of Lieutenant Alexander Fagiolo.

Assistant District Attorney Matthew J. Sweet, of the District Attorney's Special Victims Bureau, is prosecuting the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Kenneth M. Appelbaum, Bureau Chief, Eric Rosenbaum and Debra Lynn Pomodore, Deputy Bureau Chiefs, and under the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Daniel A. Saunders and Deputy Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Brad Leventhal.

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

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