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**QUEENS MAN CHARGED WITH MURDER**  
**IN STABBING DEATH OF PREGNANT GIRLFRIEND**

*Victim Sustained Multiple Stab Wounds and Begged For Her Baby's Life;  
Defendant Faces Up To 25 Years To Life In Prison If Convicted*

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that a Queens man has been charged with fatally stabbing his pregnant girlfriend in the stairwell of her Myrtle Avenue apartment building in the early morning hours of Sunday, February 3, 2019. The defendant allegedly dragged the victim - who was fourteen weeks pregnant - into the stairwell of the Ridgewood apartment building where he repeatedly plunged a knife into the woman's abdomen.

District Attorney Brown said, "This was a heinous crime. A woman was brutally stabbed - killing her and the unborn child. The defendant is alleged to have shown no mercy and no regard for human life when he repeatedly and purposely plunged a knife into this expectant mother's abdomen, torso and neck. The defendant, now in custody, faces spending the rest of his days locked behind bars."

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Anthony Hobson, 48, of 64<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Rego Park, Queens. The defendant is being held pending arraignment in Queens Criminal Court on a complaint charging him with second-degree murder, tampering with physical evidence and fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon. If convicted, the defendant faces up to 25 years to life in prison.

District Attorney Brown said that, according to the charges, shortly before 1 a.m. on Sunday, February 3, 2019, surveillance video captured the defendant as he allegedly dragged the victim, 35-year-old Jennifer Irigoyen, from the hallway of her third floor apartment into the stairwell of her Myrtle Avenue building. Shortly thereafter, the defendant allegedly stabbed the expectant mother multiple times in the torso, neck and abdomen. Ms. Irigoyen, who is survived by a young child from a previous relationship, was transported to a local hospital where she and the unborn child died.

Assistant District Attorney Bryan Kotowski, of the District Attorney's Homicide Investigations Bureau, is prosecuting the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Peter T. Reese, Bureau Chief, Peter J. McCormack III and Richard B. Schaeffer, Deputy Bureau Chiefs, and Robert S. Ciesla, Section Chief, and the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Daniel A. Saunders and Deputy Executive Assistant District Attorney Brad A. Leventhal.

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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