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MOTHER INDICTED ON MURDER CHARGE FOR KILLING 15-MONTH-OLD SON

Defendant Nicole Boodhai Allegedly Killed Charlie Ramraykha; Faces up to 25 Years to Life in Prison

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz announced that Nicole Boodhai has been indicted on murder in the second degree for intentionally causing the death of her 15-month-old son, Charlie Ramraykha. The defendant was at the home of Charlie's father on December 29 when she was discovered in a locked bathroom with the lifeless child.

District Attorney Katz said: "This is an extraordinary tragedy. As alleged, the defendant intentionally caused the unnatural death of her own 15-month-old son. By all accounts, Charlie was a healthy and vivacious toddler. The investigation into the manner of the child's death is ongoing and we extend our sincere condolences to Charlie's family as they mourn this unimaginable loss."

Boodhai, 28, of 155th Street in Queens, was arraigned today before Queens Supreme Court Justice Michael Aloise on an indictment charging her with one count of murder in the second degree. The defendant was remanded and ordered to appear in court on February 19. If convicted, Boodhai faces up to 25 years to life in prison.

DA Katz said that, according to the indictment and investigation, on Monday, December 29, 2025, the defendant, Nicole Boodhai, and her toddler son were inside the two-story family residence on 157th Street, where the 15-month-old child resided with his father and extended family. The child's father left for work at 8 a.m. while Boodhai and the child slept. Other relatives were present inside the house.

The child's father returned at 10:45 a.m. and observed Boodhai and their child still asleep. He then left a second time.

At approximately 1:35 p.m., Boodhai called the child's father and told him that she had killed their child and intended to kill herself. He immediately called his mother, who lived on the first floor of the residence, and asked for her to check on the defendant and the child.

The victim's grandmother gained entry to the second floor and discovered a locked bathroom door. With the assistance of another relative, they opened the bathroom door and saw Boodhai laying in the bathtub with blood around her and the toddler victim in her arms – unconscious and unresponsive.

The relatives called 911 and the responding officers from the 103rd Precinct removed the child from the bathroom and attempted to resuscitate him. The young victim was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

The defendant was also taken to a local hospital for treatment of lacerations to her wrists and for psychiatric observation.

The investigation was conducted by Detective Frank Pistone of the NYPD's 103rd Detective Squad and Detective Anthony Ferranda of the Queens South Homicide Detective Squad.

Assistant District Attorney Timothy Shortt of the District Attorney's Homicide Bureau is prosecuting the case with the assistance of Assistant District Attorney Alexa Ornelas, under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys John Kosinski, Bureau Chief, and Karen Ross and Jonathan Selkove, Deputy Bureau Chiefs, and under the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Shawn Clark.

Criminal complaints and indictments are accusations. A defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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