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**D.A. BROWN: QUEENS WOMAN CHARGED**  
**WITH ATTEMPTING TO SELL NEWBORN BABY FOR \$25,000**

District Attorney Richard A. Brown today announced that a 36-year-old Flushing woman has been charged with attempting to sell her newborn baby for \$25,000 to an undercover agent posing as a prospective parent.

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Yue Fan Chau, 36, of Flushing, Queens. Chau, who is being held pending arraignment tonight in Queens Criminal Court, is charged with first-degree tampering with public records, first-degree falsifying business records, first-degree offering a false instrument for filing, abandonment of a child, endangering the welfare of a child and a felony violation of the state's Social Service Law. If convicted, she faces up to seven years in prison.

The District Attorney said that, according to the charges, the New York State Police had been conducting an investigation into the sale and purchase of the defendant's as yet unborn child and, as part of the investigation, an undercover agent posing as a prospective parent met on September 7, 2007, in the vicinity of Kissena Boulevard and Holly Avenue in Queens, with the defendant who indicated that she wanted to sell her unborn child for \$20,000 with an initial down payment of \$1,000. As proof of her pregnancy, the defendant allegedly gave the undercover her social security card and two ultrasound photos of her unborn child which bore her name before taking him to her doctor for medical records. It is further alleged that on September 25, 2007, the undercover met the defendant once again at the same location and she gave him a color photocopy of her green card and copies of her pre-natal appointment book and of her doctor's business card. During the meeting the undercover and the defendant also allegedly discussed payment for the child.

It is additionally alleged that on September 27, 2007, the undercover received various medical documents from the defendant – including sonograms, medical history and the history of a prior pregnancy. On October 3, 2007, the undercover allegedly received information that Chau had given birth that day to a child and that she wanted \$10,000 for the child, as well as the spelling of the undercover's name and the baby's name that he wanted on the birth certificate. On October 5, 2007, the undercover allegedly spoke by phone with Chau, who said that she was at New York Downtown Hospital and that she had put both his name and the baby's name he had give her on the birth certificate. During their conversation, Chau allegedly indicated that she wanted to sell the baby to the undercover, that he would own the baby after the transaction and that she did not want any further contact with the child.

Finally, it is alleged that the undercover went to New York Downtown Hospital on October 5, 2007, and met with Chau, who handed him a card and stated that he could pick up the child by using the number on the card. The undercover also saw that Chau had put his last name, social security number and date of birth on the baby's birth certificate. He and Chau then allegedly went to the front of the hospital, where he gave her a check for \$20,000 and \$5,000 in cash in exchange for the child, whereupon she was arrested.

At the time of her arrest, the defendant allegedly told detectives that her boyfriend had gone back to China, that she was pregnant, and that she sold the baby because she was destitute and needed money.

The investigation was conducted by the New York State Police's Special Investigations Unit in Albany – specifically, Senior Investigator Chuck Sullivan and Investigators Nick Georgadin, Anne Kostecki, Eric Leonard and Michael Reinoehl – which is under the supervision of Major Matthew Renneman and Lieutenant John Durling, and under the overall supervision of Acting Superintendent Preston L. Felton.

Assistant District Attorney Andrew H. Kaufman and Charles J. Balvin, of the District Attorney's Special Proceedings Bureau, are prosecuting the case under the supervision of Anthony M. Communiello, Bureau Chief, and Oscar W. Ruiz, Deputy Bureau Chief, and the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Investigations Peter A. Crusco and Deputy Executive Assistant District Attorney for Investigations Linda M. Cantoni.

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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