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**DAY CARE CENTER OPERATOR CHARGED WITH ENDANGERMENT**  
**IN DROWNING DEATH OF 11-MONTH-OLD BABY**

*Defendant Allegedly Took Nyquil In Hours Leading Up To Death*

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown today announced that a 28-year-old Ozone Park woman who operates a day care center out of her home has been charged with child endangerment after one of the center's children – an 11-month-old boy – drowned yesterday in a bucket of water while she slept on the sofa.

District Attorney Brown said, "When parents entrust their young children to a day care center, the operator has an obligation to provide a safe environment. By allegedly failing to carry out her responsibilities, a young child's life has been tragically and senselessly cut short."

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Krystal Khan, 28, of 101-27 108<sup>th</sup> Street in the Ozone Park section of Queens. Khan is expected to be arraigned later today in Queens Criminal Court on a charge of endangering the welfare of a child. If convicted, the defendant faces up to one year in jail.

District Attorney Brown said that, according to the charges, Khan took Nyquil at approximately 6:00 a.m. yesterday, June 15, 2009, even though she knew that one of the side effects of the medication was the onset of drowsiness. Sometime later that morning, she allegedly fell asleep in the living room with 11-month-old James Farior unrestrained and moving about the room. It is alleged that at one point Khan briefly awoke, did not see the baby in the living room, and rolled over and went back to sleep. When Khan allegedly awoke a second time that morning she saw the baby in the kitchen with his upper body submerged in a bucket of water that she had filled the night before and left overnight in the kitchen, even though she knew that a bucket of water could be hazardous to young children.

The investigation, which is continuing, was conducted by detectives assigned to the New York City Police Department's 102<sup>nd</sup> Precinct's Detective Squad.

Assistant District Attorneys Leigh Bishop, of the District Attorney's Special Victims Bureau, and Andrew Wenzel, of the District Attorney's Homicide Investigations Bureau, are prosecuting the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Marjory D. Fisher, Special Victims Bureau Chief, and Peter T. Reese, Homicide Investigations Bureau Chief, and under 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 a criminal complaint is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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