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**Brooklyn Man Indicted For Assault In Accidental Shooting Of Daughter;
Child's Mother Indicted For Reckless Endangerment**

Defendant Shot Nine-Month-Old Girl While Cleaning Gun

Brooklyn District Attorney Ken Thompson today announced that a 47-year-old man has been indicted on second-degree assault and other charges for allegedly accidentally shooting his 9-month-old daughter in his Brownsville home while cleaning his gun. The child's mother has been indicted for second-degree reckless endangerment.

District Attorney Thompson said, "This defendant could have easily killed this innocent and helpless baby. This behavior was completely irresponsible and now both parents will be held accountable."

The District Attorney identified the defendants as Pedro Rosales, 47, and Jessica Aguilar, 24, of 580 Sutter Avenue in the Brownsville section of Brooklyn. The defendants were arraigned today before Brooklyn Supreme Court Justice Miriam Cyrulnik on an indictment in which Rosales is charged with second- and third-degree assault and criminal possession of a firearm. He and Aguilar are both charged with second-degree reckless endangerment and endangering the welfare of a child. If convicted, Rosales faces up to seven years in prison and Aguilar faces up to one year in jail. Rosales was ordered held on \$100,000 bond or \$50,000 bail and Aguilar was ordered held on \$10,000 bail or \$5,000 bond and to return to court on February 27, 2015.

The District Attorney said that, according to the investigation, on November 22, 2014 at approximately 3:30 p.m., inside of 580 Sutter Avenue, Rosales was cleaning his unregistered, loaded .45 caliber firearm and it discharged striking Jessica Rosales, his daughter, who was nine months old at the time. The baby's mother, Jessica Aguilar, was also at home at the time. They took the baby to a local hospital where she was admitted for a gunshot wound that entered her left hip and exited her back. Aguilar allegedly told police that she lied to hospital staff about how the child came to be shot. Police later recovered the .45 caliber firearm and a bullet fragment from the apartment.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Deanna Paul and Kelly Casey, First Deputy Bureau Chief of the District Attorney's Crimes Against Children Bureau, under the supervision of Assistant District Attorney Miss Gregory, Chief.

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An indictment is an accusatory instrument and not proof of a defendant's guilt.