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Press Release

Quincy woman found not guilty by reason of insanity in murder of her son

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Li Rong Zhang, 42, was found not guilty by reason of insanity (lack of criminal responsibility) in the January 13, 2011 killing of her 8-year-old son on Tuesday, July 9, 2013.

Zhang was found unresponsive and locked and barricaded in the master bedroom of her home at 19 Yardarm Lane in Quincy with her son, Brandon Yang after another family member came home that day and alerted authorities to the smell of smoke. In the room was a wok filled with charcoal briquettes burning and emitting poisonous carbon monoxide.

It was a jury-waived trial. Norfolk Superior Court Judge Robert C. Cosgrove heard multiple medical opinions that uniformly found that Zhang lacked criminal responsibility at the time of the incident, exhibiting psychotic depression with paranoid delusions and acute suicidality. Judge Cosgrove also heard testimony that Zhang had been diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia in 2010.

Zhang was transported to Worcester State Hospital for evaluation and future treatment following the verdict. She has been in various hospitals and state institutions since the date of the homicide and attempted suicide.