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# *Press Release*

## Quincy woman found not presently competent For trial on homicide of her children

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The Quincy woman under indictment for the 2009 murder of her daughter and manslaughter of her unborn son was deemed not presently competent to stand trial following a hearing in Norfolk Superior Court today, August 24, 2012.

Judge Raymond P. Veary heard testimony from a clinician from Worcester State Hospital, where Fan Chi-Xue, now age 41, is presently committed. Judge Veary stayed the matter pending her regaining competency, Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey said after the hearing.

Fang Chi-Xue has been hospitalized, first for physical injuries and subsequently for evaluation and treatment, since being found unresponsive and bleeding from a slashed wrist in her Woodbine Street, Quincy, apartment about 10:30 p.m. on April 16, 2009. Her 9-year-old daughter, Wen Xue, was found dead in bed beside her, allegedly strangled and with her wrist also cut, DA Morrissey said.

An autopsy revealed that the defendant was 8 months pregnant with a son; the basis for the manslaughter indictment is the medical opinion that the boy was viable and that the mother's alleged self-inflicted wounds caused his death.

Fang Chi-Xue was returned to Worcester State Hospital following the hearing, where she remains committed under Chapter 123 Sec. 16 (c).

**All defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.**