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## **Fugitive arraigned on murder charges**

A 24 year old North Bay Shore man, accused of killing his ex-girlfriend and her infant son, pleaded not guilty today to charges of murder in the first and second degrees in Suffolk County court in Riverhead.

On December 18, Jerry A. Lewis allegedly stabbed Shakeela Planter, 21, to death and then fatally beat her two year old son, Jaiden.

He was arrested in Laurel, Maryland on Christmas Eve when he turned himself in to police.

Suffolk County Court Judge Gary Weber ordered Lewis held without bail.

If convicted of the top count of first degree murder, Lewis faces a maximum sentence of life in prison without parole.

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