

Slaying suspect denies charges

Teenager accused in hatchet killing of 6-year-old boy

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WHITE PLAINS — A 19-year-old New Rochelle man accused of killing his 6-year-old cousin with a hatchet pleaded not guilty yesterday, and his lawyer said he already had begun mounting

a psychiatric defense.

Samuel Calloway was ordered held on \$1 million bail at his arraignment in Westchester County Court. A grand jury indicted him last week on charges of second-degree murder and other felonies in the Aug. 4 slaying of his cousin Marquise Newman in Mount Vernon and another hatchet attack hours earlier in New Rochelle.

Marquise's relatives gasped and brushed back tears in court yesterday as Assistant District



Samuel Calloway

was with a baby sitter, locked her out, then struck the boy in the head with a hatchet before setting the apartment on fire. Po-

lice who had responded to the scene stormed the house when they smelled smoke, only to find the mortally wounded boy.

Hours earlier, Ward said, Calloway had attacked a 44-year-old man with the same hatchet outside a New Rochelle restaurant.

Calloway told police later that the man had made a pass at him, Ward said.

Defense lawyer Robert DiDio said he was satisfied that prosecutors did not seek a first-degree murder charge that would have

made the case eligible for the death penalty. He said he provided details to the District Attorney's Office in recent months and thought the information was sufficient mitigation to preclude a capital murder charge.

DiDio said he was concerned that his client was not getting sufficient medical attention in the county jail. He said Calloway is a paranoid schizophrenic who also suffers

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