

## **Indian-origin man charged with killing, sexually abusing his 65-year-old mother in New York**

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*The son reportedly abused his mother by strangling and hitting her before sexually assaulting her (Picture Credits: India Today/Rahul Gupta)*

**New York:** An Indian-origin man in the United States has been charged with murdering and sexually assaulting his 65-year-old mother at their home in New York on the eve of Mother's Day.

Pushkar Sharma, 28, killed his mother, Soraj Sharma, on Saturday morning at their home in Jamaica's Bellerose Manor.

According to the criminal complaint, "with an uncontrollable urge to hurt someone", the accused Pushkar Sharma grabbed his mother from behind, choked and stabbed her until she collapsed on the floor.

Once down, the son allegedly continued the abuse by strangling and hitting his mother before sexually assaulting her. The victim lost consciousness and died.

According to the criminal complaint, Sharma told police that "he continued choking her (mother) until he was pretty sure she was dead."

Covered in blood, Sharma gathered his wallet and keys and walked to the 105th Precinct, where he confessed to the unimaginable violence, the New York Daily News quoted police and prosecutors as saying.

Soraj Sharma's daughter found her mother unconscious in the cellar and rushed her to Long Island Jewish Hospital, where she was declared dead.

Stunned by the slaying, Sharma's neighbour Kelvin recalled a past incident in which neighbours had called police due to Sharma's erratic behaviour.

"So, it's not the first time. He's been in trouble before. You can clearly tell that he has some mental health issues," Kelvin said.

"The family was really nice and friendly. I am shocked to know that the son could've done this," Kevin added.

"What should have been a celebration of Mother's Day became a brutal, tragic nightmare for a Queens family," Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz said.

Sharma was charged with murder and sexual assault on Sunday. He was ordered held without bail, and his next court appearance is scheduled for May 24, the report said.

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