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# Son arrested in mom slaying

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A Harlem woman who spent her golden years rocking sick babies to sleep was found stabbed and strangled yesterday, allegedly at the hands of her own troubled son.

Police said the body of Rozella McGee, 75, was discovered in a pool of blood inside her apartment on W. 120th St. just after 1 a.m. They said she had been stabbed at least 19 times.

Her son, Frederick Robinson, 45, was arrested a short time after the gruesome find. Police said last night that he has been charged with second-degree murder. Police said Robinson had been drinking and apparently went berserk sometime Tuesday morning after his mother confronted him about his drug abuse. Police said he killed her in the kitchen of their second-floor flat.

The victim's daughter, Tania McGee, said she had no idea what would have prompted her brother to kill their beloved mother.

"All I know is that they got into an argument and he stabbed her," she said through tears, as a neighbor consoled her.

Police sources said Robinson, who is unemployed, also has a history of mental illness.

The murder sent shock waves through the community where McGee had become known as a generous and friendly retiree who volunteered her time in the pediatric ward of Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center, tending to infants born to drug-addled parents or babies with HIV.

"She was a lovely person. She seemed to get along with her son," said Joyce Adams, 61, a friend at the Citizens Care Senior Program. "He was a very well-mannered man."

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