DETROIT: ARREST IS MADE IN ROAD - RAGE SHOOTING - WOMAN ACCUSED OF KILLING BYSTANDER

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After a month on the lam, the woman accused of **shooting** and killing an innocent bystander **in** front of his 4-year-old nephew after a **road** - **rage** incident was arrested by Detroit police.

Nicole Ecckles, 35, faces a first-degree murder charge after Monday's **arrest**. Police said an errant bullet she fired hit Edward Houston, 49, **in** front of his nephew.

The boy wasn't injured.

The **shooting** was sparked by an argument between Ecckles and a motorist June 18 at Linwood and West Davison, police said. The man allegedly struck Ecckles' vehicle with an object, damaging it.

As he left, Ecckles fired a shot at him but missed, police said. Houston, who was walking south on Linwood to go to a pharmacy with his nephew, was struck and killed.

Her vehicle hasn't been recovered, said Yvette Walker, a Detroit police spokeswoman.

Police said they got a tip Monday that Ecckles was **in** a home **in** the 2600 block of Davison, where she was arrested.

In addition to the murder charge, which carries a term of life in prison if convicted, she faces charges of carrying a concealed weapon and using a firearm to commit a felony.

No court date has been set **in** the case.

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