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The family of a New Jersey woman allegedly shot by her husband's mistress in a heinous murder that he's suspected of plotting has won custody of the couple's two young sons, The Post has learned.

Relatives of tragic mom Nazish Noorani, 27, wrested custody away from the parents of Noorani's allegedly murderous husband, Kashif Parvaiz, 27.

"They will be happier here, I think," said Kaleem Noorani, 29, one of Noorani's brothers who won guardianship of little Shayaan, 3, and Riyaan, 6.

The brother — speaking yesterday on the one-year anniversary of the shooting — added that he feels "relieved to have the kids."

Parvaiz allegedly paid his lover, Antoinette Stephen, 27, to gun down his wife as the couple left a Ramadan dinner with their youngest son in a stroller in Boonton, NJ, on Aug. 16, 2011.

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Noorani was shot through the heart, and Parvaiz then had his lover fire at and wound him to cover up the crime, authorities have said. Parvaiz later claimed to cops that the pair had been set upon by racist thugs, but his story eventually fell apart.

After their mother's murder, the children were shuttled to Parvaiz's parents in Brooklyn, over the protests of Noorani's family.

Noorani's kin said the kids should not live with the family of their mother's alleged killer.

Parvaiz's family rebutted that her relatives were on welfare and too poor to raise the children.



The current settlement, reached three weeks ago, grants guardianship to two of Noorani's brothers and her sister-in-law. Parvaiz's parents will get the boys on weekends and some holidays, according to their lawyers.

"We are pleased that the children's paternal grandparents were able to come to this realization that it was in the best interests of the children to remain with their deceased mother's family," said Freda Khan, lawyer for the Noorani family.

"It still remains a tragic situation and bittersweet victory for my clients."

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The two families had a hard time reaching an agreement.

“The settlement was very difficult to reach as it was a particularly emotionally charged case,” said the boys lawyer, Dawn Post, of the Children’s Law Center.

A woman who answered the phone at the Parvaiz family home yesterday said no one was available for comment.

Both Parvaiz and Stephen are being held for trial.

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