



Genesee County Prosecutor's Office

David Leyton, Prosecutor



Prosecutor Leyton Charges Corrine Baker with 2nd Degree Murder in Death of her 4-year-old son, Dominick Calhoun

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FLINT – Calling it an unforgivable betrayal of a parent's most basic responsibility, Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton has charged an Argentine Township (Genesee County) mother with second degree murder for her actions in relation to her 4-year-old son's death.

Corrine Michelle Baker, 25 (d.o.b. 10/10/1984), was formally charged this afternoon in the death of her son, Dominick Calhoun, with the following:

Count 1: Homicide – Murder – Second Degree
Penalty: Life or any term of years

Count 2: Child Abuse – 2nd Degree
Penalty: 4 Years

Baker's boyfriend Brandon Hayes, 24, was charged last week with eight felony charges including torture, first-degree child abuse and first-degree premeditated murder in Dominick's death.

Baker and Hayes and Dominick, along with another sibling of Dominick's, were living together in an apartment in Argentine Township where Hayes is alleged to have beaten Dominick to death over a course of days sometime between April 8 and April 11, 2010 as discipline for wetting his pants while sitting on a sofa.

Authorities were called to the apartment on April 11th when Dominick's condition was discovered by relatives. He was taken to Hurley Medical Center in Flint where he received emergency surgery and was placed on life support. He died the following day, Monday, April 11th.

Baker is charged for wantonly and willfully disregarding her son's condition and basic needs thereby causing his death.

On Tuesday of this week, Hayes' attorney filed a petition in 67th District Court asking to have Hayes evaluated in the Michigan Center for Forensic Psychiatry for competency to stand trial. A hearing on the request is set for April 27.

Baker will be arraigned on her charges in 67th District Court and a pre-trial date will be set.

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