

Genesee County Prosecutor's Office David Leyton, Prosecutor



Corrine Baker arraigned on charges in death of her 4-year-old son, Dominick Calhoun

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FLINT – Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton said that the mother of 4-year-old Dominick Calhoun, who died after being severely beaten by the mother's boyfriend, was arraigned this afternoon in 67th District Court.

Corrine Michelle Baker, 25 (d.o.b. 10/10/1984) of Argentine Township (Genesee County) was arraigned on two counts in the death of Dominick:

Count 1: Homicide – Murder – Second Degree

Penalty: Life or any term of years

Count 2: Child Abuse – 2nd Degree

Penalty: 4 Years

Baker is being held in the Genesee County jail without bond on the second degree murder charge and a \$1-million dollar bond on the child abuse charge. A pre-trial date is set for April 30th and a preliminary examination date is scheduled for May 4th in 67th District Court in Flint.

Baker's boyfriend Brandon Hayes, 24, has been charged with eight felonies including torture, first-degree child abuse and first-degree premeditated murder in Dominick's death.

Baker is charged for wantonly and willfully disregarding her son's condition, safety, and need for medical treatment thereby causing his death.

Baker, 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.

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