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Charlie Richmond Convicted of Murder in the 2nd Degree, Manslaughter in the 1st Degree and Aggravated Criminal Contempt for the Murder of 9-Month-Old Arabella Richmond

Rochester, NY- Tuesday, November 17, 2020, 27-year-old Charlie Richmond was convicted by a Monroe County jury of Murder in the 2nd Degree, Manslaughter in the 1st Degree and Aggravated Criminal Contempt for the murder of 9-month-old Arabella Richmond.

On January 1, 2018, the Rochester Police Department and Emergency Medical Services were called to a home on Culver Road for an unresponsive child. Arabella Richmond later died at Strong Memorial Hospital from blunt force trauma to her head. After an investigation by the Rochester Police Department's Major Crimes Unit, Charlie Richmond was later arrested for her death by the Marshall's Task Force.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Amanda Balling, Deputy Chief of the Special Victims Bureau and Senior Assistant District Attorney Hillary Levitt, also of the Special Victims Bureau.

"Arabella's death was completely heart wrenching and I am proud to have helped secure justice for her today," said Assistant District Attorney Amanda Balling. "Today's verdict would not have been possible without the Major Crimes Unit at the Rochester Police Department, the Marshall's Task Force and the incredible doctors and advocates at Golisano Children's Hospital. Although we are relieved that justice was finally served in this case, a child is no longer with us because of the violent and horrendous acts of Charlie Richmond."

“The Child Abuse Attorneys at the Monroe County District Attorney’s Office see some of the most heartbreaking and disturbing cases that come through our office,” said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “The death of Arabella is completely devastating for this community. Although we wish these positions were not necessary, Monroe County has some of the best child advocates in the country. Every single day, we have five full-time Child Abuse Assistant District Attorneys who work tirelessly to put these abusers behind bars. If you know or suspect a child who may be experiencing abuse, the Monroe County District Attorney’s Office urges you to contact law enforcement or the Bivona Child Advocacy Center.”

Charlie Richmond will be sentenced on January 15, 2021, in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Judith Sinclair.

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