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**Cynthia Whitaker Pleads Guilty to Murder in the 2nd Degree for Death of
Michael Taylor**

Rochester, NY- On Tuesday, February 27, 42-year-old Cynthia Whitaker plead guilty to the one count indictment charging her with Murder in the Second Degree. State Supreme Court Justice Alex Renzi offered the plea shortly after jury selection had begun in the murder trial for the death of her boyfriend Michael Taylor.

On August 7, 2017, Cynthia Whitaker and Michael Taylor were arguing at the victim's home on Old Edgemere Drive. The argument escalated when Whitaker attacked the victim, stabbing and killing him. Michael Taylor's children found him the following day and called the police. With cooperation from the family and a swift and thorough investigation, the Greece Police Department was able to quickly arrest Cynthia Whitaker.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kyle Steinebach, Deputy Chief of the Local Courts Bureau and Senior Assistant District Attorney Michael Robertson of the Major Felony Bureau.

"Cynthia Whitaker violently and intentionally took the life of Michael Taylor," said Assistant District Attorney Kyle Steinebach. "The defendant had no regard for the life of Michael Taylor or the lives and lasting consequences to his friends and family. I want to thank the family of Michael Taylor for their immediate assistance and the Greece Police Department for their outstanding investigation."

Cynthia Whitaker will be sentenced on March 28, 2018, in front of State Supreme Court Justice Renzi.

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