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Erick Omar Figueroa Pleads Guilty to Murder in the 2nd Degree for Death of Catherine Everdyke

Rochester, NY- On Wednesday, October 25, 33-year-old Erick Omar Figueroa pled guilty to his indictment of Murder in the 2nd Degree for causing the death of Catherine Everdyke. Between October 22, 2016-October 24, 2016, Figueroa beat and strangled Catherine Everdyke, resulting in her death.

After a call from a civilian witness, the Rochester Police Department went to 65 Wolff Street in the City of Rochester where they found Ms. Everdyke's body wrapped in blankets with apparent blunt force trauma. After a thorough investigation by the Major Crimes Unit of the Rochester Police Department, Erick Omar Figueroa was arrested and charged with the murder of Catherine Everdyke. Figueroa will be sentenced to 20 years to life in the New York State Department of Corrections as a result of his plea.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Sara VanStrydonck, Chief of the Child Abuse Bureau and Assistant District Attorney Ana Coughlin of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

"Today's admission is the result of the thorough investigation conducted by the Rochester Police Department as well as critical information received from members of our community," said Assistant District Attorney Sara VanStrydonck. "Last October, Erick Figueroa viciously attacked and strangled Catherine Everdyke. Figueroa should spend the rest of his life behind bars for his brutal actions against the victim and will no longer be a threat to our community. It is our hope that with his admission of guilt, Catherine's friends and family can continue to heal and gain closure for the loss of their loved one."

Erick Omar Figueroa will be sentenced on December 19, 2017, in front of State Supreme Court Justice Doyle.

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