

**News Release from  
The Honorable Sandra Doorley  
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**Sarah DiLallo Pleads Guilty to Manslaughter in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and Endangering the  
Welfare of an Incompetent Person in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree**

Rochester, NY- Today in New York State Supreme Court, 26-year-old Sarah DiLallo pled guilty to an indictment charging her with Manslaughter in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and Endangering the Welfare of an Incompetent Person in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree for the death of Heather Roselli.

On June 18, 2017, Heather Roselli was a resident of a group home for people with special needs. The home was operated, staffed, and supervised by New York State's Office for Persons with Developmental Disabilities. The victim died from multiple internal injuries and asphyxia following a restraint conducted by employees Sarah DiLallo and Sandra Abdo.

DiLallo will be sentenced to a maximum of 1 to 3 years in the New York State Department of Corrections after pleading to the indictment; the People extended no offer. Co-defendant, Sandra Abdo pled guilty to Criminally Negligent Homicide on April 25, 2018. Both will be sentenced on October 31, 2018, in front of Supreme Court Justice Alex Renzi.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Leslie Schildt of the Child Abuse Bureau of the Special Victims Trial Division and Assistant District Attorney Derek Harnsberger of the Special Investigations Bureau.

"This admission is the result of the collaborative efforts of the Webster Police Department, the New York State Justice Center, and the Monroe County District Attorney's Office," said Assistant District Attorney Leslie Schildt. "Heather Roselli was an intellectually disabled person who needed the help of the OPWDD for daily life. Her family entrusted the staff at this home with their daughter's life and her care. It is our hope that this plea brings some degree of closure to the family and helps them begin to heal."

"Heather Roselli was a person with special needs. More importantly though, Heather was a special person and she should not have died this way - in the hands of those who were entrusted to take care of her," said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "Crimes against our community's most vulnerable are unacceptable. My thanks go out to the Webster Police Department and the New York State Justice Center, who worked closely with my prosecutors to hold these two defendants accountable for this terrible crime."

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