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Charlie Richmond Sentenced to 27 and 1/3 Years to Life for the Murder of 9-Month-Old Arabella Richmond

Rochester, NY- Tuesday, August 24, 2021, 27-year-old Charlie Richmond was sentenced by New York State Supreme Court Justice Judith Sinclair to 27 and 1/3 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections. 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 Unit and Senior Assistant District Attorney Hillary Levitt, also of the Special Victims Unit.

“Over three and a half years later, I am proud that the Monroe County District Attorney's Office can finally secure justice for young Arabella,” said Assistant District Attorney Amanda Balling. “This sentence 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. While we are pleased with today's sentence, nothing can be done to bring back the life of this young child, a fact that Charlie Richmond will have to live with for the rest of his days.”

“The Child Abuse Attorneys at the Monroe County District Attorney's Office see some of the most heart wrenching and disturbing cases that come through our office,” said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “The death of any child is devastating for our entire community. While we wish these jobs were not necessary, Monroe County has some of the best child advocates in the country. Every single day, we have an entire bureau of Child Abuse

Assistant District Attorneys who work tirelessly to put these offenders 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."

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