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## Mother Charged in Frozen Child Death Case

Mount Clemens, MI - Today, 24 year old Derricka Fleming was charged and arraigned in 41B Clinton Twp. District Court in connection with the death of her son.

It is alleged that on Monday, January 23, 2023, Derricka Fleming put her son to bed in their apartment and went upstairs to visit with a neighbor. During that time, the five year old victim exited the apartment and was later found in a nearby park. The boy was taken to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Derricka Fleming of Clinton Twp. was charged with Involuntary Manslaughter (15 year felony). Fleming was arraigned in front of Magistrate Ryan Zemke where bond was set at \$100,000.00 cash/surety and upon release she must wear a GPS tether. The probable cause hearing is scheduled for Monday, June 12, 2023 at 1:00 pm.

"As the prosecutor in this case, we are deeply saddened by the tragic and preventable loss of a young life. The charges against Derricka Fleming reflect the gravity of the situation and the responsibility she bears in the death of her son. It is alleged that she placed her child to bed and left him unattended, resulting in his tragic disappearance and subsequent discovery in a nearby park. The evidence suggests a severe breach of parental duty and neglect that led to this devastating outcome. We will vigorously pursue justice for the victim and hold the defendant accountable for her actions. Our thoughts and condolences go out to the family and loved ones affected by this heartbreaking incident," said Macomb County Prosecutor Peter J. Lucido.

The Macomb County Prosecutor's office represents the people. We are committed to achieving justice and following the laws of the State of Michigan. All that are accused of a crime are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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