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## Parents Charged with Starvation Death of Two Year Old Son

Mount Clemens, MI - On March 20, 2023, Clinton Township parents were charged and arraigned in connection to the starving death of their two year old biological son.

It is alleged that on Thursday, March 16, 2023, Jonathon Matthew Cheek and Sierra Pearl Zaitona found their son dead in his crib. The coroner determined the cause of death was starvation.

Jonathon Matthew Cheek, 25 years old, and Sierra Pearl Zaitona, 27 years old, were charged with second degree murder (Life Felony), and Child Abuse Second Degree (10 Year Felony.) Both were arraigned in Clinton Township District Court by Magistrate Ryan Zemke. Zemke set bond at \$1,000,000.00 cash/surety with a GPS tether if released for each defendant.

The Probable Cause Hearing is scheduled for Monday, April 3, 2023 at 8:30am in front of District Court Judge Jacob Femminineo, Jr. The Preliminary Exam has not been scheduled.

"I would like to thank the Clinton Township Police Department for their hard work during this investigation in the child's death," 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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