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Mother Arraigned for One Month-Old Child's Death

Mount Clemens, MI - Today, 31 year-old Kia Barkley of Clinton Twp. was arraigned in connection with the death of her one month-old daughter.

It is alleged that on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, Kia Barkley shook and threw her one month-old daughter to the ground. Her daughter was taken to the hospital where she died almost a month later due to her severe injuries.

Kia Barkley was charged with Felony Murder (life without parole felony), and Child Abuse in the First Degree (life felony). Barkley was arraigned in 41B Clinton Township District Court where Magistrate Ryan Zemke set bond at one million dollars cash/surety, no 10%. If bond is met Barkley is to wear a GPS tether and be on house arrest.

The probable cause hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 1:00 pm in front of District Court Judge Carrie Fuca.

"In the pursuit of justice, we must confront the most heart-wrenching of cases, where the innocent are silenced and lives are abruptly cut short. Our commitment lies in defending the defenseless and by holding accountable those who commit unspeakable acts against the innocent," 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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