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Michael Stagles Pleads to Criminally Negligent Homicide

Rochester, NY- On Friday, October 6, 33-year-old Michael Stagles pled guilty to his top charge of Criminally Negligent Homicide for not providing life-saving measures for his 3-year-old daughter Brook Stagles.

Michael Stagles admitted preventing the necessary medical care that resulted in Brook's death between November 11, 2016 and November 13, 2016. Stagles will receive the maximum sentence under law of one and a third to four years in the New York State Department of Corrections.

This plea comes after the conviction of Erica Bell, who was found guilty of Murder in the 2nd Degree and Manslaughter in the 1st Degree for Brook's death after a bench trial in front of County Court Judge Ciaccio on Friday, September 29, 2017.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Sara Van Strydonck, Chief of the Child Abuse Bureau and Senior Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gallagher of the Major Felony Bureau.

"Today's plea brings closure to a heart-wrenching crime that left an innocent 3-year-old child dead," said Assistant District Attorney Sara Vanstrydonck. "With Mr. Stagles admissions in court today and Ms. Bell's conviction last week, Brook's family and our entire community can start the healing process for the little girl. If this trial has taught us anything, it's no one should be a bystander to child abuse. It is 100% preventable as was Brook's death. The entire Monroe County District Attorney's Office urges you to call law enforcement, CPS and Bivona Child Advocacy Center. Let us remember Brook's short life and unnecessary death when we see or suspect something in our community and neighborhoods."

Michael Stagles will be sentenced on December 6, 2017, in front of County Court Judge Ciaccio.

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