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Brandon Hayes and Corrine Baker Sentenced in Death of Dominick Calhoun - Hayes to spend the rest of his life behind bars

FLINT – A packed courtroom heard the sentencing this afternoon for Corrine Baker and her former boyfriend Brandon Hayes related to their convictions in the death of Baker's 4-year old son, Dominick Calhoun.

Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton had charged Hayes, 26 (d.o.b. 12-13-1985), with ten criminal counts including murder and torture in the beating death of Dominick Calhoun in an Argentine Township apartment over the course of a four-day period in April 2010. Baker, 27 (d.o.b. 10-10-1984), was also charged and pled guilty last August to second degree murder and second degree child abuse.

Due to the high publicity of the case against Brandon Hayes in Genesee County, the trial was moved to St. Clair County using St. Clair County jurors. In January, the jury found Hayes guilty on all counts levied against him including felony murder, torture, two counts of first-degree child abuse, and a related assault and various drug charges. Hayes was also convicted as a four-time habitual offender.

Saying that Hayes' sentencing guidelines were "off the charts," Judge Richard Yuille today sentenced him to 100-to-150 years in prison for the second degree murder conviction and life without parole for the two counts of felony murder. Hayes also received lengthy sentences for the remaining 7 counts including 60-90 years in prison for torture.

Baker was sentenced to 13-to-30 years for her second degree murder conviction and 2-to-4 years for her conviction of second degree child abuse.

After the sentencings were read, Prosecutor Leyton said "I hope today's sentencings allow the family of Dominick Calhoun to find some sense of closure after this very difficult and brutal tragedy."

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