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Maurice Faison Sentenced to 25 Years to Life

Rochester, NY- Today, Monroe County Court Judge James Piampiano sentenced 24 year old Maurice Christopher Faison to 25 Years to Life in prison for the murder of his infant son, nine month old Tristen Faison on September 3, 2013. On that date, paramedics responded to 32 Hartsen Street in the City of Rochester following a call from the child's mother stating that the child was not breathing. Tristen was transported to Strong Memorial Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. Examination of the child's body would reveal that the child had in fact been deceased for more than two hours before paramedics were notified. The subsequent autopsy revealed massive brain trauma sustained while the child was in the defendant's exclusive care, leading to his arrest. Though the defendant initially denied any incident that could have led to the child's injuries on the date of his death, at trial he altered his explanation by attempting to explain that the infant's injuries were the results of an accidental fall. Medical experts, however, were able to demonstrate that the infant's injuries were not consistent with the defendant's explanations, and were in fact much more severe. On June 25th, the jury found Faison guilty of Murder in the Second Degree.

The case was prosecuted for the People by Andra Ackerman, Deputy Chief of the Monroe County District Attorney's Office Special Victims Trial Division.

"Maurice Faison didn't just fatally assault his son, he assaulted his son and left him alone for two hours to die, with no hope of being saved," said Ackerman. "The defendant's acts that afternoon showed a depraved indifference to human life, and I am grateful to have had the opportunity to participate in bringing justice to this most innocent of victims."

Faison has remained in custody since his September 13, 2013 arrest and will be transported in the coming days to the custody of the State Department of Corrections, where he'll begin serving his sentence.

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