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**The Honorable Sandra Doorley**  
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**Renee Bailey Pleads to Assault in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree for Death of Brittney Sheets**

Rochester, NY- On Monday, June 26, 57-year-old Renee Bailey pled guilty to Assault in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree for causing the injuries that led to the death of 2 ½-year-old Brittney Sheets. In 2001, Bailey was found guilty of Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree for the death of Brittney. Today, Bailey admitted to causing the injuries that resulted in Brittney's death, admitted that those injuries were not caused by the child falling from a chair and admitted that she did not take any steps to get proper medical attention for Brittney afterwards. Bailey will receive a sentence of between 12 ½ and 13 years in the New York State Department of Corrections followed by 2 ½ years of post-release supervision. Because Bailey has already served nearly 13 years in prison, this plea will not result in Bailey serving additional time incarcerated. Even if Bailey was convicted of Murder again after trial, she could only have been sentenced to a maximum of 15-years-to-life because of a previous appellate court ruling in this case.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Sara Van Strydonck and Leslie Schildt of the Child Abuse Bureau.

"Today's plea brings to a close an ordeal that has lasted nearly two decades," said Assistant District Attorney Leslie Schildt. "With Ms. Bailey's admissions in court today, the family of this little girl has a degree of closure that they never had before. And we can finally lay to rest any claims that Brittney died because she fell out of a chair. With today's plea, there is no longer any argument about why this child died: because of Renee Bailey."

Renee Bailey will be sentenced on August 31, 2017, in front of State Supreme Court Justice Judith Sinclair.

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