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**Cory Favata Pled Guilty to Murder in the Second Degree
for the Death of a Toddler**

Rochester, NY- Today, 25 year old Cory Favata pled guilty to Murder in the Second Degree for the April 21, 2014 death of 17 month old, Rileigh Daniels. In court today in front of Supreme Court Justice Joanne M. Winslow, Favata admitted to violently shaking, squeezing, beating and strangling the toddler. He also admitted to beating and strangling the child on multiple other occasions in the months leading up to the child's death. At approximately 10:40pm on the evening of April 21, 2014, a call came into the 911 call center with reports of a baby who was unresponsive and bleeding from the mouth. The Greece Police Department, Monroe Ambulance and the Ridge Road Fire Department responded to 45 Pennels Drive in the Town of Greece. They attended to and transported an unconscious Rileigh Daniels to Strong Memorial Hospital where doctors made an extremely valiant effort to save her life. On April 24, 2014, the child succumbed to the injuries inflicted by Favata which included bruising, rib fractures, severe brain bleeding and swelling and retinal hemorrhaging.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Sara VanStrydonck, Chief of the Child Abuse Bureau and Senior Assistant District Attorney Kyle Rossi of the Child Abuse Bureau.

“Cory Favata brutalized the most vulnerable and innocent of victims, a 17 month old toddler. The level of violence inflicted and pattern of aggression directed towards poor Rileigh demonstrated that he had an utter disregard for her life. This plea ensures that Rileigh and her family can have justice without enduring the gruesome testimony and evidence that would have come to light at trial regarding Rileigh's last months on earth,” said Assistant District Attorney Sara VanStrydonck. “This plea was only possible because of the dedicated and thorough investigation and response of the Greece Police Department, the Monroe Ambulance and the Ridge Road Fire Department as well as the Medical Professionals at Strong Memorial Hospital”.

Cory Favata will be sentenced on November 1, 2016 in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Joanne M. Winslow. Favata is expected to receive 20 years to life in the Department of Corrections.