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**DELAWARE COUNTY DA TANNER ROUSE ANNOUNCES CHARGES AGAINST PARENTS IN JUVENILE MURDER CASE**

**Media, PA** – Delaware County District Attorney Tanner Rouse announces that charges have been approved against two adult individuals following a comprehensive homicide investigation conducted by Detective Brian Pot of the Delaware County District Attorney’s Office Criminal Investigation Division, Detective Christopher Karr of the Delaware County District Attorney’s Office Criminal Investigation Division and Detective Robert Ticknor of the Chester Police Department.

According to the Detectives, the defendant, Cynthia Robinson beat her 2-year-old son to death and the other defendant, Frank Walton Sr., prevented medical intervention to hide the abuse, ensuring his death.

Investigators stated that Chester Police were dispatched to the defendants home for a report of a small child unresponsive and in cardiac arrest with possible head trauma. When the child was transported to the hospital, he was pronounced deceased. Initially Ms. Robinson blamed the death on one of her other children. Further investigation revealed that the scenarios Ms. Robinson described, specifically her other children being responsible for the child’s death, were factually impossible.

Through further investigation, detectives became aware that Ms. Robinson had a history of abusing her children. Ms. Robinson was also on supervision for Endangering the Welfare of a

Child for prior instances of drug use in the presence of the children at the time of this incident. On the day prior to his death, the decedent was seen bleeding and Ms. Robinson was overheard exclaiming “[f]uck this little bitch I’m going to hit him now, I’m tired of this little bitch ass kid”, referring to the decedent, and dropping him from her waist.

Following a comprehensive review of the evidence, the Delaware County District Attorney’s Office has approved the following charges against Cynthia Robinson:

**Murder in the 1st Degree (F1) – 1 count**  
**Murder in the 3rd Degree (F1) – 1 count**  
**Conspiracy - Murder in the 3rd Degree (F1) – 1 count**  
**Endangering Welfare of Children (F1) – 4 counts**  
**Simple Assault**  
**Aggravated Assault (F1) – 3 counts**  
**Conspiracy - Aggravated Assault (F1) – 3 counts**  
**Recklessly Endangering Another Person (M2) – 2 counts**  
**Conspiracy - Recklessly Endangering Another Person (M2) – 2 counts**  
**Intimidation of Witnesses or Victims (F1) – 1 count**

Additionally, the Delaware County District Attorney’s Office has approved the following charges against Frank Walton Sr.:

**Murder in the 3rd Degree (F1) – 1 count**  
**Conspiracy – Murder in the 3rd Degree (F1) – 1 count**  
**Involuntary Manslaughter (F2) – 1 count**  
**Endangering Welfare of Children (F1) – 4 counts**  
**Conspiracy – Endangering Welfare of Children (F1) – 4 counts**  
**Recklessly Endangering Another Person (M2) – 2 counts**  
**Conspiracy– Recklessly Endangering Another Person (M2) – 2 counts**

“The allegations in this case are both heartbreaking and deeply troubling. A child lost their life at the hands of those who had a fundamental responsibility to love, protect, and care for them. As a father, a coach and a citizen of Delaware County, I’m heartbroken. We will move forward with a thorough and deliberate prosecution, guided by the evidence and driven by our duty to seek justice for this child,” said District Attorney Tanner Rouse.

On April 15, 2026, Frank Walton was arrested and arraigned – bail was denied. He will have his Preliminary hearing on April 28, 2026. A warrant has been issued for Cynthia Robinson, she is in custody and is awaiting arraignment.

The investigation remains ongoing. The District Attorney's Office urges anyone with additional information to contact the lead investigator on this case, Detective Brian Pot, at 610-891-4700. The District Attorney and the Criminal Investigations Division would like to remind everyone that all individuals charged are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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