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MEDIA RELEASE

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RE: Sentencing of Brenton Mills

(Bel Air, Maryland) - Albert J. Peisinger, Jr., State's Attorney for Harford County, announced the sentencing of Brenton Mills, 27 of Havre de Grace, Maryland for child abuse resulting in death.

On January 7, 2019, officers of the Havre de Grace Police Department were dispatched to 667 Green Street in Havre de Grace, Maryland. Upon arrival, officers discovered that the victim, a two year old girl, was suffering from a cardiac arrest. She was transported to Johns Hopkins Hospital, but, despite numerous life-saving attempts, she died approximately one week later. Doctors discovered that the victim sustained brain swelling and bleeding that were the result of a high velocity trauma and she appeared to be the victim of abuse. Following an extensive investigation by the Havre de Grace Police Department, including multiple interviews with the victim's caregivers, Brenton Mills was identified as a suspect and arrested on December 19, 2019.

Mr. Mills pled in the Circuit Court for Harford County before the Honorable M. Elizabeth Bowen on November 10, 2020 to one count of child abuse resulting in death. The case was prosecuted by Assistant State's Attorney Christopher Tabone.

The sentencing hearing occurred on June 1, 2021. The victim's family attended the hearing and the Court heard several statements describing the impact this crime had on them and on the community. The Court sentenced Mr. Mills to 40 years suspend all but 15 years of incarceration, to be served at the Division of Corrections, with five years of probation to follow.

The Office of the State's Attorney for Harford County expressed condolences to the victim's family for this tragic and senseless loss.