



# ELLIOT KOLKOVICH

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### **PROSECUTOR KOLKOVICH ANNOUNCES GUILTY VERDICT OF CO-DEFENDANT FOR RAPE AND ABUSE OF INFANT**

AKRON, OH – Today, Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced that Jamilee Hunt, 38, of Hudson Falls, New York, was found guilty of raping and abusing an 11-month-old infant in her care while living at the Springfield Township Red Roof Inn. Smith's co-defendant and father of the infant, Jason Santos, 38, of Stony Creek, New York, pleaded guilty last week to related charges and was sentenced to life in prison.

A Summit County Jury found Hunt guilty of the following charges:

- One count of Rape of a Child Under 13 Years of Age – a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Felony;
- Five counts of Felonious Assault – a 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Felony;
- One count of Endangering Children by Torture or Cruel Abuse – a 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Felony;
- One count of Endangering Children by Creating Substantial Risk to Health or Safety of the Child – a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Felony; and
- One count of Endangering Children – a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Felony.

**“Jamilee Hunt failed this child. She failed as a caretaker, a guardian, and a protector, and I am disturbed by her crimes and inability to take responsibility for her role in the abuse and torture of this infant,”** said Prosecutor Kolkovich. **“Against daunting odds, the child is alive, safe and continuing to heal with her new guardian, and our hearts go out to her and her family as she grows up.”**

In November 2024, Springfield Township police officers responded to a call at the Red Roof Inn for an unresponsive 11-month-old infant. The child's father, Jason Santos, and his girlfriend, who identified herself as “Nicole Abare,” claimed the infant had suddenly stopped breathing. While performing life-saving measures, officers observed extensive bruising and other visible signs of abuse. The infant, in critical condition, was transported to Akron Children's Hospital, where doctors and social workers determined she had multiple rib fractures, fractures to her arms and legs, and significant bruising, injuries inconsistent with the explanation provided by Santos and Abare. Many of the fractures were in various stages of healing, indicating prolonged abuse. At the scene, Abare claimed she had to go and find her lost dog but never returned to the scene and turned off both her phone and Jason's. After being located and detained, Abare and Santos claimed the infant's injuries were caused by their dog jumping on her, an explanation that differed from their initial statements and was inconsistent with medical findings. Investigators later determined that “Nicole Abare” was a false identity and identified her as Jamilee Hunt. Further medical evaluation revealed the infant suffered a traumatic brain injury, internal bleeding resulting in hemorrhagic shock, and a broken clavicle. Doctors also discovered evidence consistent with rape and sexual assault.

Hunt is scheduled to be sentenced on May 6, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. She faces a life sentence.

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