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PROSECUTOR KOLKOVICH ANNOUNCES LIFE SENTENCE FOR 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 sentenced to life in prison for raping and abusing an 11-month-old infant in her care while living at the Springfield Township Red Roof Inn. Hunt will be eligible to apply for parole after 55 years. Hunt's co-defendant and father of the infant, Jason Santos, 38, of Stony Creek, New York, [pleaded guilty in April](#) to related charges and was [sentenced to life in prison](#).

Hunt has also been designated as a Tier III sex offender, which requires her to register every 90 days with the local sheriff for the rest of her life if she is released from prison.

In April, a Summit County Jury [found Hunt guilty](#) of the following charges:

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

“I am grateful that despite the horrific abuse this child endured, she is alive, safe, and now in a loving home. Now that this case is closed, I hope she is able to heal and grow up to lead a fulfilling and happy life,” said Prosecutor Kolkovich.

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.

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