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POUGHKEEPSIE MAN SENTENCED ON CRIMINALLY NEGLIGENT HOMICIDE CASE INVOLVING THE DEATH OF HIS 16-MONTH-OLD CHILD

Dutchess County District Attorney Anthony Parisi announced today that Haitham Dasan, 49, was sentenced to 2-4 years state prison after entering a guilty plea to Criminally Negligent Homicide, a Class E Felony, in Dutchess County Court on Tuesday, March 17th.

District Attorney Anthony Parisi said, “For far too long, this case remained unresolved despite the profound loss suffered by this family and the seriousness of the allegations. My administration made the deliberate decision to re-examine the evidence, follow the facts wherever they led, and move this matter forward in pursuit of justice. Cases involving the death of a child demand accountability and action, not delay. The loss of a child is profound and leaves a permanent scar not only on a family, but also on the first responders, investigators, medical personnel, and prosecutors who are called upon to confront these tragedies firsthand. The impact of responding to the death of a child does not simply go away. These are scenes and experiences that stay with those involved for the rest of their lives.” Parisi further said, “I also want to commend the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department for their diligence, professionalism, and continued commitment to this investigation. Their work, coupled with the dedication of the prosecutors and investigators involved, helped ensure that this matter did not remain unresolved.”

The incident occurred on April 12, 2021, in the early afternoon at 75 Oakdale Avenue in the Town of Poughkeepsie. The defendant admitted that he negligently caused the death of his daughter Soraiya Dasan. Dasan admitted that he touched a plastic straw in a clear plastic container that contained fentanyl. He further admitted that he prepared food and fed his daughter food tainted with fentanyl. An autopsy of Soraiya Dasan was conducted by the Dutchess County Medical Examiner's Officer along with a toxicology report. Soraiya Dasan's cause of death was determined to be from acute fentanyl intoxication. Fentanyl was found in her blood. As a result of the defendant's negligence, Soraiya Dasan was exposed to fentanyl which ultimately caused her death.

The case was investigated by the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department and was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Joseph Russo. Judge Edelman-Reyes presided over the case.

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