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### **Freddie Bailey pleads guilty to death of 3-year-old Amabel Calderon**

*Bailey to serve 77 years in the Indiana Department of Correction*

(Indianapolis, Ind.) Marion County Prosecutor Terry Curry announced today that Freddie Bailey has been sentenced to serve 77 years in the Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) for the December 22, 2014, murder of three-year-old Amabel Calderon. Bailey pleaded guilty to the child's Murder on October 27. In addition to pleading guilty to Murder, Bailey pleaded guilty to two counts of Battery (Level 5 felonies) for causing injuries to two of Amabel's siblings, ages one and five at the time of the abuse. Bailey admitted to abuse causing bruising across their bodies and small circular scabbing consistent with cigarette burns on their faces and hands.

"The torture and murder of Amabel is without question one of the most horrendous and senseless crimes we have witnessed during my seven years in office," Prosecutor Curry stated at the time of Bailey's plea.

"While we grieve the loss of Amabel, we continually think of her two siblings who lived in the same room and endured cruel and senseless abuse of their own at the hands of Freddie Bailey," Prosecutor Curry added today. "We hope that they are given the opportunities of the safe and healthy lives that they deserve, free of fear from further abuse."

Amabel's was diagnosed with a closed head injury, retinal hemorrhages, and bruises over her entire body. Amabel's head injuries were consistent with being violently hit against a wall, while many of her bruises were consistent with bite marks. Bailey told detectives that he bit Amabel, including at least one occasion when he picked Amabel off the ground and into the air with only his teeth.

At the time of Amabel's death, Bailey was the boyfriend of the children's mother, Maria Calderon. In April 2016, Maria Calderon pleaded guilty to Neglect of a Dependent Resulting in Death (Level 1 Felony). Pursuant to the plea agreement, she was sentenced in November 2017 to 40 years, with 20 years served in the IDOC and 5 to be served in Community Corrections.