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Man charged with murder of infant daughter with a crossbow in the Town of Colesville

(TOWN OF COLESVILLE) A Nineveh man is charged with murder after a domestic incident left an infant dead and a woman injured in the Town of Colesville on Monday.

On June 26, 2023 at approximately 5:14am, Broome County Sheriff's Deputies and Emergencies Medical Services responded to a report that an adult female and a female infant had been shot with a crossbow in a residence located on State Route 41 near Cass Road in the Town of Colesville.

The initial investigation showed that Patrick D. Proefriedt, age 26 of Nineveh, NY had gotten into an argument with his wife and fired a crossbow at her while she was holding their 3-week-old daughter. The broadhead crossbow bolt hit the child in the upper torso, exiting near the armpit before striking the woman in the chest. Proefriedt allegedly removed the bolt and attempted to stop the woman from calling 911, then fled the scene in a red 2016 Dodge Ram pickup truck before responding deputies arrived.

Upon arrival, deputies secured the area, located the weapon, and attempted lifesaving measures on the infant before bringing the infant out to paramedics. The adult female victim was transported to Wilson Hospital to be treated for her injuries. The infant, Eleanor M. Carey, was pronounced dead at the scene.

The Broome County Sheriff's Office, with assistance from the New York State Police and Chenango County Sheriff's Office, formed a perimeter around area, utilizing multiple patrol units as well as aerial drones to locate Proefriedt, who was found in the woods less than a mile from the residence after his vehicle had become stuck in the mud.

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Patrick D. Proefriedt was taken into custody and charged with the following:

- Murder in the 2nd Degree, a Class A Felony
- Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree, a Class A Felony
- Criminal Contempt in the 1st Degree, a Class E Felony for Violating an Order of Protection.

Proefriedt had a history of domestic incidents with the victim and an active Stay Away Order of Protection in place.

Proefriedt remains in custody of the Broome County Sheriff's Office while he awaits arraignment. The investigation is currently ongoing.

“This is one of the most heartbreaking and senseless crimes committed in this community in recent memory,” said Sheriff Fred Akshar. “Our thoughts are with the family of this innocent 3-week-old girl. I commend the quick and decisive action of our Law Enforcement division in responding to this tragedy and ensuring Mr. Proefriedt did not escape justice.”

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