

INDICTMENT NO: 2018-CR-20-2

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**SPECIAL PRESENTMENT**  
**NEWTON SUPERIOR COURT**

**October Term 2017**

The Defendant waives formal arraignment,  
copy of indictment / accusation, list of  
witnesses, and waives indictment by the  
Grand Jury where applicable, and also  
waives  
trial by jury and pleads:

**GUILTY**

**NOT GUILTY**

**STATE OF GEORGIA**

**v.**

**CORTNEY MARIE BELL**

This \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ct. 1: Murder in the Second Degree**  
**Ct. 2: Cruelty to Children in the Second**  
**Degree**  
**Ct. 3: Contributing to Deprivation of a**  
**Minor**

Defendant

Defendant's Attorney

District Attorney

TAVE Bill

Foreperson

**VERDICT**

**We, the Jury, find the Defendant:**

This \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

**LAYLA H. ZON**  
**DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

Foreperson

FILED IN OPEN COURT

This 5<sup>th</sup> day of Jul, 2018  
CLERK  
Newton County Superior Court,  
Alcovy Circuit

**STATE OF GEORGIA  
NEWTON COUNTY**

**BILL OF INDICTMENT**

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF SAID COUNTY**

The Grand Jurors selected, chosen, and sworn for the County of Newton, to-wit:

Ryan W. Perry, Foreperson	
Sabrina M. Baker	Kenneth L. Moore
Lashonda R. Farmer	Shonnary N. Nelson
<del>Robert J. Fields, Jr.</del>	Timothy T. Price
<del>Trina D. Floyd</del>	Gary A. Roberts
John B. Freeman	Shevari R. Russell
Brandon J. Gatt	William E. Sigman
Stephen M. Hatala	Jamie J. Smith
Meshawn S. Hobbs	Bryan L. Taft
Eunice S. Jones	Javier S. Thompson
Tanisha Jones	Coretta T. Wade
Queen'erudice A. McAllen	Juanita R. Whetzel

**COUNT 1**

On behalf of the citizens of the State of Georgia, do hereby charge and accuse:

**CORTNEY MARIE BELL**

with the offense of: **MURDER IN THE SECOND DEGREE**

for that the said accused on or about the 7th day of October, 2017, in Newton County, Georgia, then and there:

did commit the offense of murder in the second degree when the accused caused the death of Caliyah McNabb, a human being, irrespective of malice while in the commission of cruelty to children in the second degree, by causing said Caliyah McNabb, a child under the age of eighteen (18) years, cruel and excessive physical pain through the infliction upon her of blunt force trauma to her head, in violation of O.C.G.A. 16-5-1(d),

contrary to the laws of this State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

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Layla H. Zon  
District Attorney

COUNT 2

On behalf of the citizens of the State of Georgia, do hereby charge and accuse:

CORTNEY MARIE BELL

with the offense of: CRUELTY TO CHILDREN IN THE SECOND DEGREE

for that the said accused on or about the 7th day of October, 2017, in Newton County, Georgia, then and there:

did, with criminal negligence, cause Caliyah McNabb, a child under the age of eighteen (18) years, cruel and excessive physical pain through the infliction upon her of blunt force trauma to her head, in violation of O.C.G.A. 16-5-70(c),

contrary to the laws of this State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

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Layla H. Zon  
District Attorney

COUNT 3

On behalf of the citizens of the State of Georgia, do hereby charge and accuse:

CORTNEY MARIE BELL

with the offense of: CONTRIBUTING TO DEPRIVATION OF A MINOR

for that the said accused on or about the 7th day of October, 2017, in Newton County, Georgia, then and there:

did willfully fail to provide proper parental care or control for Caliyah McNabb, a minor child under the age of eighteen (18) years, and fail to provide said child with adequate supervision necessary for such child's well-being, said act resulting in Caliyah McNabb being a deprived child, in accordance with the provisions of Code section 15-11-2 of the Official Code of Georgia, and said act resulted in the death of said child, in violation of O.C.G.A. 16-12-1(b)(3),

contrary to the laws of this State, the good order, peace and dignity thereof.

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