



Town of Wallkill Police Department

MEDIA RELEASE

For Immediate Release
December 27, 2022

Incident: One Arrest – Murder

Location: Town of Wallkill Police Department, 99 Tower Drive, Middletown, N.Y.

Date/Time: December 16, 2022 / 2:39 pm

On Friday, December 16, 2022, at approximately 2:39 pm, Town of Wallkill Detective Christopher Dinapoli, arrested Gionni Sellers, for Murder and Manslaughter in connection with the June 2, 2022 death of 3-year old Xavier Johnson. The investigation into this incident began on June 2, 2022, when police responded to a call at the victim's home, 4 Edward Diana Way, apt. #82. After finding the victim unresponsive, officers along with Town of Wallkill Emergency Medical Services attempted to revive the victim, who was later pronounced deceased at Garnet Health Medical Center. During the subsequent investigation, it was determined that the victim suffered from multiple serious injuries while under the care of the defendant

On December 23, 2022, the defendant was indicted by an Orange County Grand Jury on the charges of Murder Second Degree and Manslaughter First Degree. The defendant was subsequently arraigned on December 27, 2022 by Acting NYS Supreme Court Judge Craig Brown and remanded to Westchester County Jail on \$750,000 cash/ \$5,000,000 bond/ \$5,000,000 partially secured bond, until his next court appearance on January 4, 2023 at 12:00 pm in the Orange County Court.

This agency was assisted by the New York State Police, Orange County District Attorney's Office, FBI Safe Streets Task Force, NYS Police Troop F Child Abuse Unit, Orange County Medical Examiner, City of Middletown Police Dept, Orange County Drug Task Force and the Hudson Valley Crime Analysis Center.

A criminal charge is merely an allegation by the police that a defendant has committed a violation of the criminal law, and it is not evidence of guilt. All defendants are presumed innocent and entitled to a fair trial, during which it will be the State of New York's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

Robert McLymore
Lieutenant

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