

Ex-daycare worker indicted for Murder, 52 counts of Child Abuse following infant homicide investigation

A New Castle County grand jury has indicted a New Castle woman for 53 felonies following the alleged murder of an infant and the abuse of four other children at a Bear daycare facility. Dejoynay Ferguson, 20, is alleged to have suffocated a 4-month-old child to death and to have abused that child and four other children between July 16 and September 5, 2019. Following a thorough investigation by the Delaware State Police Homicide Unit, prosecutors sought and secured an [indictment](#) against Ferguson for 1 count of Murder by Abuse or Neglect First Degree, 48 counts of Child Abuse First Degree, and 4 counts of Child Abuse Second Degree. The indictment handed down on July 13 was a culmination of the investigative efforts by both the Delaware State Police and the Department of Justice, and was delayed several months due to the suspension of grand juries during the COVID-19 pandemic. The matter will be referred to a Superior Court judge for scheduling.