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Press Release:

April 4, 2017: The Steuben County Grand Jury has handed up an Indictment and an arrest has been made charging 30 year old Britney L. Updyke of Hornell, NY with Manslaughter in the Second Degree, a class C felony; and, Endangering the Welfare of a Child, a class A misdemeanor based upon allegations that in June of 2013, Updyke intentionally endangered the physical welfare and recklessly caused the death of her son, Bryson T. Hunt, an infant, in the City of Hornell.

The allegations stem from Updyke's use of illegal drugs close to the time of the child's birth; and failing to notify medical personnel of that risk during the delivery and subsequent care of Bryson Hunt. The child was born at St. James Hospital in Hornell to Updyke on June 24, 2013, only to die a few hours later under suspicious circumstances at the Hospital. Fentanyl and Bath Salt overdose were eventually determined to be the primary factors in causing his death. Neither of those drugs was therapeutically administered to Updyke.

Updyke was arrested on the Sealed Indictment by New York State Police Investigator Jeremy Keirst today and was immediately arraigned before Steuben County Court Judge Marianne Furfure. She was released on her own recognizance and will appear at a later with counsel to continue proceedings.

This arrest and indictment were the product of a lengthy investigation conducted by the New York State Police, Steuben County Department of Social Services and the Steuben County District Attorney's Office.