

May 3, 2016
For Immediate Release
Portsmouth, Virginia

Keisha Christina Holmes, 38, pled guilty to Second Degree Murder on May 3, 2016 for the death of her six week old son. Holmes was sentenced to thirty years in a Virginia State Penitentiary with ten years suspended conditioned upon successful completion of ten years supervised probation. Should Holmes violation the conditions of her probation she will be subject to an additional ten years of imprisonment.

On August 7, 2013 at approximately 11:00 a.m., Holmes placed her infant, Jonathan Omovbo, into a stroller and walked a short distance from her home to the Holy Trinity Baptist Church located on Thorne Avenue in Portsmouth. According to Holmes in a taped confession, she smothered her child with a pillow on the steps of the church. An autopsy performed on the infant substantiated Holmes's confession and that the cause of death was consistent with smothering. The medical examiner's report also indicated injuries to the child's abdomen from blunt force trauma suggesting prior abuse.

This matter was prosecuted by Chief Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Cedric Wiggins and Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Michele Burton.

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