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Tracey Zetzsche Pleads Guilty to Manslaughter in the First Degree



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that TRACEY ZETZSCHE, 53, of Westerlo, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Manslaughter in the First Degree, a Class B Violent Felony, before the Honorable Stephen Herrick in Albany County Court this morning.

Between July 26, 2012 and July 30, 2012 at a residence on Route 143 in the Town of Westerlo, the defendant caused the death of her son, Gabriel Philby-Zetsche, 22, of Westerlo, by repeatedly stabbing him with a knife and striking him with a hammer. The body of Philby-Zetsche was discovered several days later inside the residence by a family member.

ZETZSCHE faces up to 20 years in State Prison, to be followed by 5 years of Post Release Supervision when sentenced on November 1, 2013.

Bureau Chief of the Special Victims Unit Shannon Sarfoh and Bureau Chief of the Financial Crimes Unit Daniel Lynch are handling the prosecution of this case.

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