



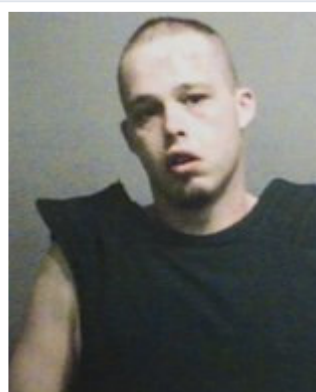
Charges announced against Brandon Hayes in beating death of 4-year-old Dominick Calhoun in Argentine Township

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ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP, Michigan -- Brandon Joshua-Frederick Hayes has been charged with torture and premeditated murder in the beating death of 4-year-old **Dominick Calhoun**.

The 24-year-old Argentine Township man is accused of beating the boy in their apartment over several days after the boy urinated on himself while sitting on the couch, officials said today. Hayes was the boyfriend of Dominick's mother.



Brandon Joshua-Frederick Hayes

"Little Dominick met his boogie man, and that was defendant Hayes," Genesee County Sheriff Robert Pickell.

Hayes was also charged with first-degree child abuse, assault with intent to do great bodily harm, two counts of felony murder and three drug charges, said Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton. He was arraigned this morning, and faces up to life in prison without parole if convicted.

Pickell said the joint investigation between his department and Argentine Township police is ongoing "especially as it relates to the mother." The mother of the boy was taken into custody after the boy was found by police on Sunday, but was later released.



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Genesee County Sheriff Robert Pickell talks about the case of Brandon Joshua-Frederick Hayes, who has been charged with torture and premeditated murder in the beating death of 4-year-old Dominick Calhoun, during a press conference on Thursday at the Genesee County Courthouse in Flint.