

STATE OF MINNESOTA

DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF WINONA

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

**NOTICE BY PROSECUTING OF INTENT  
ATTORNEY OF INTENT TO SEEK AN  
AGGRAVATED SENTENCE  
PURSUANT TO RULE 7.03**

-vs-

Jennifer Nichole Baechle,

Defendant.

District Court File No.: 85-CR-25-771

County Attorney File No.: 0035968

**TO: The District Court of the Third Judicial District, and Kurt J. Knuesel, attorney for defendant:**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE pursuant to Rule 7.03 of the Minnesota Rules of Criminal Procedure that the prosecuting attorney intends to seek an aggravated sentence in this matter.

The State relies upon the following grounds and/or statutes as support for the aggravated sentence, without limitation:

- (1) The victim was particularly vulnerable due to age, infirmity, or reduced physical or mental capacity, which was known or should have been known to the offender. Minn. Stat. 244.10, subd. 5a(1).

The Victim in this case was Defendant's newborn baby.

- (2) The victim was treated with particular cruelty for which the offender should be held responsible. Minn. Stat. 244.10, subd. 5a(2).

Victim was under two days old when she died. It is unknown whether the Victim was placed into the river while she was alive. However, the disposal of the baby demonstrated sophistication and planning. The baby was wrapped in a t-shirt with angel figurines and an evil eye and then placed inside multiple bags before being disposed of. The Defendant's acts of disposing of Victim's body, needlessly created trauma for the people that found the baby floating in the river.

- (3) Concealment of the crime for 13 years.

Defendant concealed her involvement in the crime for over 13 years. The community was traumatized by the Victim's death in 2011. Services were held to mourn the Victim, and law enforcement was forced to expend resources to discovery Defendant's identity. Defendant continued to live her life in the community and did not take responsibility for her actions.

This notice also incorporates the facts included in the original criminal complaint for 85-CR-25-771.

The State is not limited to the factors expressly stated in the Sentencing Guidelines when providing reasonable notice of intent to seek an aggravated sentence. Minn. Stat. 244.10, subd. 5a. The State reserves its right to provide required notice and seek an aggravated sentence should it become aware, during its ongoing investigation and prosecution, of additional information or facts that would support an aggravated sentencing departure.

Dated: June 25, 2025

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