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Unborn Baby and His Mom Killed on His Due Date – Father Charged with One Murder

Derrick Redd was convicted yesterday of second-degree murder and second-degree abortion (a crime against the mother) following a jury trial before Queens Supreme Court Justice Daniel Lewis.

Derrick Redd did not want Niasha dead – he wanted his son dead. He carved open Niasha in order to stab to death his son. That child, due to be born that very day, was intentionally, specifically stabbed five times by his father. Niasha was simply in the way.

It's confounding how the assailant knew who his intended victim was but the NYS legislature can't see him. Note to Speaker Silver - his name is Aidan. His mother refused to abort him. She made a choice. Derrick made a different choice.

The Unborn Victims of Violence Act is the law of the land for federal crimes of violence. That means that if this had happened at a military base in New York State, and even if Aidan were only a month old in his mother's womb, the law would recognize Aidan as – Aidan. But because Aidan and most unborn children in New York State are not covered under the protective federal law, nine-month-old Aidan *wasn't*, so there could be no crime against him.

Meanwhile, Aidan was named, his nursery was set up, clothes were purchased for him in blue by his grandparents and those who were anticipating holding him that very day now mourn him.

District Attorney Brown said, "It is incomprehensible that this defendant would unleash such a vicious attack on his girlfriend and his unborn child on the date the baby was expected to come into the world – which also happened to be the birthday of the victim's father. What should have been a joyous day has been forever changed into an occasion of grief. The defendant could have walked away and left this young woman and her unborn child – but instead he unleashed a brutal attack. He must be sentenced to the maximum time in prison in order to punish him and to protect society."

Senator Patty Ritchie (R) and Assemblyman Michael Cusick (D) are the sponsors of the New York State Unborn Victims of Violence Act.

NYSRTL calls on all legislators to right this horrible and ridiculous law that refuses to acknowledge that Aidan was a victim in this crime.

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