

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY
NORTHERN DISTRICT

SUPERIOR COURT

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

v.

ALEXANDRA ECKERSLEY

216-2022-CR-3011

DEFENDANT'S MEMORANDUM ON THE ISSUE OF SENTENCING

Kimberly A. Kossick and Jordan Strand, counsel for Alexandra Eckersley (Allie), submit the following memorandum on the issue of sentencing. A sentencing hearing is scheduled for October 17, 2024.

Statement of the Case

1. On August 2, 2024, a jury convicted Allie of one count of falsifying physical evidence, one count of misdemeanor reckless conduct, and one count of misdemeanor endangering the welfare of a child. Allie was acquitted of two felony second degree assault charges.

Statement of Relevant Facts

2. The Court presided over the trial and has knowledge of the facts produced in evidence.

Sentence Requested

3. The defense filed a memorandum on the issue of the alternative theories. Pending the decision on that issue, the defense suggests the below sentences.

4. Falsifying physical evidence.

- 180 days in the house of corrections, all suspended for two years of good behavior.
- Continue to comply with mental health recommendations.

5. Reckless Conduct.

- Identical and concurrent to the above.

6. Endangering the welfare

- Identical and concurrent to the above.

Alexandra Eckersley – General Background

7. The Court presided over the trial and reviewed the previous mediation memorandum and is familiar generally with Allie's mental health and medical history and her history of being homeless. A brief summary follows.
8. Allie was adopted at birth by Nancy and her then husband Dennis Eckersley. The couple had an older son who was also adopted. Allie began having psychological issues at around eighteen months old. This resulted in a lifetime of psychiatric medications, evaluations, and out of home placements. Allie also suffered from a condition known as precocious puberty. This resulted in Allie undergoing hormone therapy for approximately eleven years.
9. When Allie was about twenty years old she met a man online. She left Massachusetts and came to New Hampshire to meet up with him. While she was in New Hampshire she was introduced to illicit drugs. Because Allie was often unhoused, her medical and

mental health care was sporadic at best. This situation resulted in Allie self-medicating, remaining unhoused and becoming even more vulnerable. In the five years Allie was unhoused she had intermittent contact with her family.

Alexandra Eckersley criminal history

10. Ms. Eckersley's criminal history consists of convictions for misdemeanors concomitant with her chronic homeless status.

- 2019: Simple Assault; M(B)
 - \$1000 fine, all suspended for one year.
- 2021: Control of Premises; M(A)
 - 6 mos. HOC, all suspended for one year.
 - \$434 fine, all suspended for one year.
- 2023: Resisting arrest (429-2020-CR-2566)
 - 6 mos. HOC, all suspended for one year.
- 2023: Criminal trespass (429-2021-CR-4000)
 - 60 days HOC, all suspended for one year.
- 2023: Disorderly Conduct (429-2021-CR-3886)
 - 6 mos. HOC, all suspended for one year.

Allie's Progress

11. Against all odds and expectations, Allie has thrived over the almost two years since Teddy's birth.

12. Allie completed residential treatment. She completed her time in sober living. She has been sober since her arrest. Allie regularly attends therapy and is compliant with her medication.
13. Allie has reengaged with her family. Since completing sober living Allie has been living with her mother, Nancy. It was clear from their attendance at her trial that Allie has the full support of her family and friends.
14. Most importantly, Allie is reunified with Teddy. Allie did everything asked of her in order to be Teddy's mother. Having Teddy has transformed her life.
15. This outcome should be celebrated and recognized, not punished. It is very rare that someone in Allie's situation is able to transform their life and maintain their sobriety.
16. There are multiple letters from family and friends attached to this memo. To a person they write about what a loving, generous person Allie is. They write about what a dedicated mother she is.
17. Attached to this memo are editorials written before and after the trial. Significantly, the Union Leader published an editorial asking why there had to be a trial. Two editorials from the Lowell Sun—one from the beginning of the case and one from after the trial—both calling for compassion for Allie in particular and homeless people in general. Also attached is a story about Allie which appeared in the Concord Monitor in 2019. This article provides insight into Allie's 5 year struggle to reconnect with her family, improve her life, and gain some respect.

GOALS OF SENTENCING

18. The sentence requested by the defense meets the goals of sentencing.
19. Rehabilitation: Allie will need to continue with her counseling and medication.
20. Deterrence: It is difficult to quantify deterrence. This was a unique situation, and one not likely to be repeated. Allie has all the deterrence she needs by having Teddy home with her. Even if one subscribes to the concept of general deterrence, this case is not one where it is exceptionally relevant. There is no outcry for this matter to be prosecuted to the hilt, it is just the opposite.
21. Punishment: Allie will have a suspended sentence hanging for two years.

COMPARABLES

22. As stated above, this is a unique situation and there are few comparable cases.
23. The one case attached is State v. Mikayla Cochran (216-2020-CR-00274). In this case the parties reached a negotiated resolution in a case involving the death of a 2 year-old child. The defendant was the child's mother. A negligent homicide was nolle prossed. The defendant pled to one count of endangering the welfare of a child. The negotiated sentence was 12 months house of corrections, all suspended for 4 years.

CONCLUSION

24. Allie is the rare person who has completely rebuilt her life. Having Teddy gave her the purpose she was seeking her whole life. Once Allie knew he was alive, she did nothing but look out for his best interests. Allie has followed every rule, attended every treatment meeting, completed every parenting class with the single-minded goal of becoming Teddy's mother. They deserve to live the rest of their lives together in peace. One of the jurors, speaking to the Union Leader after the verdict, said it best: "I hope this is something that will be part of their histories, not present."

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Alexandra Eckersley respectfully requests the Honorable Court to impose the following sentences:

- A. Falsifying physical evidence: 180 days in the Hillsborough County House of Corrections; all suspended for two years of good behavior; continue to comply with mental health recommendations.
- B. Reckless conduct: identical and concurrent to the above.
- C. Endangering the welfare: identical and concurrent to the above.
- D. Grant other relief deemed equitable and just.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Kimberly A. Kossick

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that this memo was served in accordance with file and serve rules.

/s/ Kimberly A. Kossick

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EXHIBIT A

Allie —

I was a dad of kids you went to Haynes school with. Like you, I was adopted as an infant and never knew my birth family growing up. I had no relatives I knew until I had children.

I hope that everything works out for you and your baby. Your next steps will not be easy, but you have my hopes and prayers.

Looking back at my life now, I see I was always searching for something — searching in alcohol, drugs and vices but I didn't know what I was looking for. Conversely, it was always hard for me to commit to a relationship and I always pushed good people away.

Now I feel that my personality was a result of my adoptive history, and I think you may feel the same way.

One day in my old age I realized that I always had the unconditional love which was what I was seeking - not from my birth mother, but from God,

You may not want to, or may not be ready to consider religion. That's okay, it's just something to think about.

I do hope that you diligently pursue the treatment options that are being presented to you. I am sure that with lots of effort, they will work for your sake, and for your babies' sake.

My hopes and prayers are with you,



Riverside Community Care

Leading the Way in Behavioral Healthcare & Human Services

October 8, 2024

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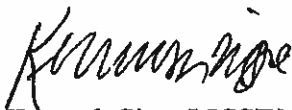
Dear Attorney Kossick:

This letter is to verify that Alexandra Eckersley (DOB: 12/4/1996) is currently involved in community mental health services with the PACT Team, which is a program funded by the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health (DMH). Alexandra has worked with Riverside Community Care's PACT Team since August 2023, and has been engaged in weekly psychotherapy sessions with myself and has been fully compliant with treatment.

The Program of Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) provides an array of clinical, rehabilitative, and recovery-oriented services for adults with challenging and persistent problems related to psychiatric illnesses, who have not responded to more traditional services. PACT offers services such as psychotherapy, medication management, independent living skills development, and assistance with educational or vocational opportunities. These services assist individuals in leading successful and fulfilling lives, while coping with their diagnoses.

PACT will continue to provide community treatment services to Alexandra for as long as she remains eligible for DMH services. Please feel free to contact the PACT office with any further questions.

Sincerely,



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PACT Mental Health Clinician

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2 October 2024

The Honorable Judge Amy Messer
Hillsborough North Court House
300 Chestnut Street
Manchester, NH 03101

Greetings Your Honor!

I write on behalf of Alexandra Eckersley who was found guilty of reckless conduct and endangering the welfare of a child. I write to ask you not to separate a mother and child.

I had the joy of Baptizing little Teddy, Allie's son. I have met with and visited with Allie on several occasions. She has cleaned up her act, she is hugely remorseful of her actions, and she is an excellent mother. She is now living in a very stable home with her mother in Sudbury, Massachusetts.

Yes, Allie did wrong, but she was under the influence of a known drug dealer and not in her right state of mind.

I have visited the home in Sudbury and met with Allie and her mother Nancy several times. They are both providing excellent care for Teddy.

Allie takes Teddy out for daily walks and points out all the beauty of nature, flowers, trees, and birds. They chase bubbles together. Every Wednesday is reading and songs at the library. Then off to feed the ducks.

I kindly ask the Court and your Honor for leniency in sentencing Allie. It would serve no purpose in separating Allie and Teddy, who are both flourishing in their present home situation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very Reverend David O'Leary, VF, S.T.L., D.Phil.
Pastor

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October 1, 2024

The Honorable Amy Messer
Hillsborough Superior Court
300 Chestnut Street
Manchester, NH 03101

Dear Judge Messer:

I am Alexandra Eckersley's aunt through my sister-in-law, Nancy Eckersley. Years ago, I was a Special Agent at the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Currently, I am an Assistant General Counsel at the Massachusetts Department of Developmental Disabilities. I have also worked as an attorney in mental health law.

As an FBI agent, my main focus was to incarcerate perpetrators of crime. I did this wholeheartedly, as it is a necessary function in an orderly society. Here, I do not see a criminal. On that critical night Allie was confused and frightened, but I have never seen any indication of a bad intent from her. She was not a criminal but suffered from the disabilities of mental illness and substance abuse. The disabled need accommodations so they can enjoy fundamental human rights, not incarceration.

I knew Allie well as a young child at family events. I have three children that are younger than Allie. Even at a young age, Allie was nurturing to her young cousins. They always looked forward to getting together and would play together for hours. Unfortunately, because of Allie's illness, I did not see her for many years. I did not get to know her as an adult and only heard of her troubles.

When I first saw Allie after her return to Massachusetts, I saw glimpses of the young child. Sadly, they were masked by lingering symptoms of her drug addiction. Over time, I saw her overall demeanor improve dramatically. I see the old Allie is back. I recognize her inner kindness and innocence that never fully left. I saw her laser focus on getting better and doing all the required work to be reunited with her son. We were fortunate to meet Teddy while he was still in state custody during overnight visits with Allie. Her patience, nurturing, and love were apparent. Her great parenting was evident to the state, and she gained full custody of Teddy. Since then, I have seen them together often. Allie is a very dedicated, consistent, and loving parent to Teddy. She does the hard work. She meets his needs and adheres to a consistent schedule. It is overly apparent that Teddy's welfare is her top priority. Teddy is benefiting from the unwavering love and care of his mother.

In raising three children, I respect all that it takes to care for a young child. The constant vigilance, unrelenting love, and patience needed during the inevitable challenges. I see it all in Allie's interactions with Teddy. Allie has risen to the challenge of parenting. The fierce love and dedication she has for Teddy is apparent. I also recognize in Teddy, that he is a happy child, comfortable with family members, but that no one is more important to him than his mother. He is truly bonded with Allie. She earned that connection with her constant love and attention. She has done all the work, will continue to do whatever it takes because for her, nothing is more important than her son.

My biggest fear is that Teddy will think he has lost the constant love and support of his mother. I know no matter the circumstances, Allie's feelings won't dim, but Teddy needs to see it every day. The state has worked very hard and at considerable cost to rightfully reunify Teddy with his mother. It would be a tragedy if that same state then rips that loving support away from him at a critical stage of his life.

Sincerely,

/s/Judy O'Neil



OMNI MED

Community Health Equity

September 19, 2024

To: Judge Amy Messer
Re: Alexandra Eckersley

Dear Judge Messer,

I have known Allie since my sister Nancy and then brother-in-law Dennis adopted her 27 years ago. Until she left to live in the homeless encampment in New Hampshire, I had seen her frequently and knew her well. In addition to being a loving uncle to Allie, I have a clinical perspective shaped by a residency at Boston Medical Center followed by 33-years working as an emergency physician, mostly at St Elizabeth's Medical Center in Boston. There, I have seen a considerable number of patients afflicted with mental health and substance use disorders; frequently, both.

You heard the details of Allie's mental health and substance use history, which I recognize, was an integral part of her defense. My personal feeling is that this case never should have come to trial, and it is truly unfortunate that this prosecution has forced Allie to share her personal, HIPPA-protected history with the world—along with her son when he is older. I frequently see patients in the throes of mental health or substance induced crises make poor decisions, though the decisions made in this case were not hers alone. Allie's older, sole male guardian at the time told her that the baby was not alive and instructed her to not reveal the location of the body. I am sure Your Honor fully appreciates the tenuous and dependent existence of a single young female living in a homeless camp in the woods in winter. In my experience, cases like this go to the ER, not to court. That said, my primary intention is not to relitigate the case, but rather to share with you my knowledge and understanding of Allie.

By the time this all transpired in December of 2022, I had not seen Allie in many years. I was shocked by how much she had changed. This person was simply not the Allie I had known. My sister Nancy had done everything possible to give Allie the best shot at a good life; and Allie had certainly tried. Nancy had taken her to countless doctors' appointments, emergency departments, and found her the best possible places at the Chamberlain and later, Perkins Schools. In the latter, Nancy served on the board of directors and saw her regularly. Yes, Allie has mental health, and later, substance use issues. But the Allie I knew is also a bright, caring, and loving young woman. Those years of substance use, and untreated mental health illness changed her. I barely recognized her.

To my clinical eye, the Allie I see regularly now is the Allie I knew years ago. She has been clean since that night, which is in my experience a rare feat. I have seen a remarkable transformation of Allie finally becoming the woman we all hoped—and knew—she could become. Allie was in no condition to make good choices on December 25, 2022. When EMS informed her that her baby was alive, she cried, and her transformation began. She named her baby Edward Ruth after my sister Nancy's and my parents, who had long been a solid and loving presence in her life. A clean and

sober Allie who is fully compliant with her mental health therapy is a pleasure to be around. My wife and I have regularly seen her at my sister Nancy's home, where baby Teddy is, quite naturally, the center of attention. We all call him "our little miracle." To see Allie with Teddy is to understand fully the transformational power of motherhood. Allie would do anything for Teddy. Allie has remained substance-free, never misses her doctors' or therapists' appointments, and remains laser-focused on giving her son the best life possible. In my experience, Allie's is a rare success story in a realm filled with the opposite. Just visit one of the many homeless camps in Manchester or Mass and Cass here in Boston for evidence of the other, far more likely outcomes. It is truly unfortunate that we remain a country that undertreats and underfunds both mental health and substance use disorders; far too many would rather dismiss or lock up those so afflicted than commit to them the resources they so desperately need. We do not house or treat these people; we simply allow them to become homeless. I doubt this case would have transpired at all in Denmark or Canada.

My best estimate from a clinical perspective is that Allie will remain sober and in full medical compliance. She has the most powerful motivation of all—her beautiful son. Whenever my wife and I see them, Allie is fully engaged with and lovingly caring for Teddy before she goes up to bed at 8 so she can get up with him in the morning. She is effusive in her love and concern for Teddy and remains fully devoted to this adorable child. This is a story that should go on as it is, a rare success story in an otherwise brutally tragic milieu. It is my sincere hope that Your Honor can find leniency for this mother and child. Why disrupt this astounding and rare trajectory for her defensible actions? I understand that the foundations of a just society require that each of us must answer for any wrongs committed. But if we are to charge every person under the sway of substance addiction or mental health crises for mistakes made, we will need to construct a whole lot more prisons—and we already incarcerate more people than any other country. Allie in no way intended harm to a baby she thought deceased; and isn't intent paramount? People I see here in Boston who have substance use and mental health issues make mistakes—a lot of them. We regularly restrain and sedate the most violent among them. But their crises lead them to our ER, which is exactly where they should be. A jury has convicted Allie of reckless conduct, endangering the welfare of a child, and falsifying evidence... again, for a baby she thought was deceased. As a family, we are eternally grateful to all the emergency providers who braved frigid temperatures to save Teddy's life that night, for making this miracle happen. And we hope this incredible story can continue apace. Should Allie go to prison, I fear what would happen to her recovery, and to her strong and loving relationship with her son Teddy. Is our collective societal demand for retribution—particularly against the homeless and marginalized—sufficient to disrupt and derail one of our rarest success stories? I hope not. I hope that you will see the other side of this case, and really see this person before you. Allie Eckersley is a devoted, loving mother to her "little miracle" son Teddy. Please let her remain so.

Sincerely and Respectfully Yours,

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Dear Judge Amy Messer

I am writing to you regarding the case of Allie Eckersley, who is currently facing sentencing. I have known Allie for her entire life having grown up with her, and I feel compelled to share my perspective on her journey.

Allie has faced significant mental health challenges from the time she was young which was then coupled with substance use disorder issues in her adult hood. As someone who is in recovery from mental health and substance use issues myself, I know how hard that journey can be. However, I have witnessed her transformation firsthand over the last couple of years. Allie took the courageous step a couple years ago to enter treatment which I helped facilitate personally. Allie has shown remarkable resilience and determination in her recovery ever since. As someone who went through treatment myself and who works in the mental health and substance use treatment space, I know that most cases do not turn out positive initially. However, with Allie, she has worked tirelessly to confront her past and has made significant strides toward becoming a healthier individual not just for herself, but for her family as well.

Allie's character has shined through her struggles. She is a fighter who genuinely cares for others and has the potential to contribute positively to society.

I respectfully ask that you consider Allie's tremendous progress and potential for a brighter future as you make your decision. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Dan Lagarce

08/10/2023

To the court,

Concerning the case of Ms. Eckersley.

This writer has remained in close contact with Ms. Eckersley since coming in contact with her during a routine outreach visit in the year of 2018. In this five year time frame I have continued to maintain contact with Ms. Eckersley in an attempt to offer support and assistance with navigating the process of gaining access to adequate care for her multiple disabling conditions.

During this time she has gained many tools and is engaged in learning to become a healthy mother. She has been able to begin the long process of recovery and is making amazing progress with the support of her family and reestablishing a healthy routine. I continue to remain in place as a resource for her and her family to help her in the process of reuniting with her beautiful son.

Community Advocate/Outreach Specialist
Carol Iizotte

Good Afternoon Your Honor,

First and foremost I would like to thank you for giving me this opportunity to stand in front of you to read this statement before Allie receives her final sentencing.

My name is Kaitlin Reilly and I am a primary addiction therapist. I graduated with honors from Lesley University with a double bachelor's degree. I am currently in school in the dual master's degree/LDAC accelerated licensing program in Umass Boston.

Your honor, I'm also a mandated reporter who is legally and ethically bound to uphold the value of our justice system. I took an oath to always advocate for the value of human life and these are core values that are instilled deep within me. I feel that my statement could add a unique perspective to this Court as I am able to see Allie through the lens of a friend and most importantly Your Honor from the lens of a mandated reporter in The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

I stand before you as a clinical professional first and Allie's best friend second. After displaying complete transparency within every wording of this statement I hope you are able to find some added value within my statement today.

Your honor, I heard about Allie's story before I met her so let me tell you how less than thrilled I felt when I found out she was going to be my roommate when we were both attending the same dual diagnosis PHP program. I was there learning how to process my best friend's death while Allie was trying to process every pivotal moment that took place during the past 35 days of her life.

I tried so hard not to like Allie. I honestly tried to hate her based on what I had read about her in the media because I couldn't fathom how a mother could possibly do that to her child. I actually spent hours hiding from her at the gym that first week so I could scroll through the copious amounts of media coverage surrounding Teddy's birth.

My whole perspective on Allie changed after living with her day in and day out, behind closed doors, through every step of her methamphetamine withdrawal process.

My perspective continued to change when I saw Allie properly medicated, stabilized, completely present and able to embrace her authentic self.

Allie neglected herself that night as well as the days leading up to Teddy's birth. When Teddy was born Allie wasn't Allie. Allie wasn't a version of herself that was even remotely recognizable to the closest people to her, especially the mother who stands before you today. Unmedicated for 5 years under the influence of methamphetamine living in pure filth with a man twice her age who used drugs, control and fear to hold her hostage. Allie was influenced by fear of violence and the heavy threats used to her from being her true self.

Allie tried to get help for a baby she already thought had died while trying to keep herself alive. "Neglect and abuse are created with intent". Allie only intended that night to make it out of that tent alive and hopefully be able to go back and salvage her baby's body.

Your honor, Allie, could have made better choices that night. She could have done better. a lot of people could have done better when it came to helping allie that night but the reality of this situation is that she did that best she could in a situation that nobody is ready to handle. Allie didn't choose to leave teddy in the tent to die that night. Within the grips of a psychotic break on top of just giving birth completely alone, Allie chose to call 911 and she took the personal initiative to try and handle a wreckless situation with as much grace as possible. Allie is truly not the person today that appeared before this Court in the past.

I'm not asking for Allie to be given pity or sympathy. I'm asking for Allie to be given grace.

Thank you for allowing me the time to read this to you today .



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EXHIBIT B

LOCAL NEWS

Written in Granite: Compassion is what we need

Especially toward state's homeless



The new Spring Street Shelter is ready to open and will enable the Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter to significantly expand services to help clients secure stable housing. (Photo by Joan T. Stylianos)



By **JOAN T. STYLIANOS** | Sun columnist

NASHUA, N.H. — Bitter temperatures combined with wind chills and snowfall would make it difficult to live outdoors, but some people do. And although Nashua may not have a major problem with homelessness, it does exist and is serious enough.

Nearby in New Hampshire's largest city, a number of small encampments have been set up in wooded areas, on downtown sidewalks and in the doorways of some businesses, etc. Residents have had enough and are frustrated with how their proud community has allowed this to spiral out of control.

And the recent arrest of the daughter of a famous New Englander has only brought further attention to Manchester's growing homeless crisis.

Some media outlets initially chose not to mention that Alexandra "Allie" Eckersley is the 26-year-old adopted daughter of former Red Sox great and baseball Hall of Famer Dennis Eckersley. But it is what it is. Rich or poor, famous or not famous, we're all people. We share strengths and frailties and sometimes, similar struggles. We all have hopes and dreams and are worthy of a good life.

I think compassion is what is truly needed. Being homeless is complicated; add in mental illness and/or drug/alcohol addiction, and it's a troubling thing to see happening in any community and difficult to eradicate.

In the case of Allie, she was arraigned on felony reckless conduct after giving birth last week in a tent in the woods on Manchester's West Side and reportedly leaving her premature newborn there exposed to the 15-degree temperatures. She allegedly gave police inaccurate information about the infant's location.



Her baby boy is hospitalized and doing well.

In 2019, Concord Monitor columnist Ray Duckler wrote a moving piece about Allie (then, homeless in Concord) and her battle with mental illness and substance abuse. He stated that she suffers from bipolar disorder, depression and anxiety, and it's been an "incredibly private and painful situation" for the family.

Here in my city, the need for housing for all is important, and every step in that direction is considered progress. The Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter (NSKS) is ready to debut an expanded emergency shelter at 35 Spring Street in the old, vacant Sacred Heart Elementary School. The brick building is located adjacent to St. Patrick's Church not far from City Hall. The newly renovated Spring Street Shelter is designed to accommodate an overnight capacity of 48 beds for families, 18 for single men and 14 for single women.

The Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester generously offered NSKS a 40-year lease for the building at \$1 per year, and the nonprofit organization reached its \$8.5 million fundraising goal ahead of schedule.

The Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter does fine work, and we're lucky to have this organization (for about 40 years now) still helping and caring about some of the area's most vulnerable individuals.

"We are putting the finishing touches on the shelter this week and expect to move our first clients in shortly," Susannah Abbott, NSKS Director of

The 2021 Annual Report of The State of Homelessness in New Hampshire by the NH Coalition to End Homelessness reveals that there were approximately 4,412 people living homeless statewide. In part, Manchester recorded about 1,714 homeless individuals while Greater Nashua counted about 768.

There's an old saying I admire by the late poet Robert Frost: "The best way out is always through."

Here's hoping Allie and any others in a similar position can find their footing and start anew in 2023.

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Written in Granite: Compassion for Allie Eckersley

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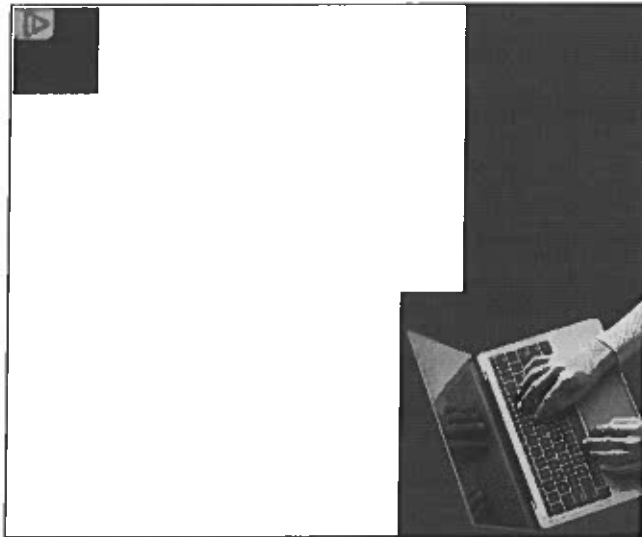


Alexandra Eckersley looks down as the jury reads the verdict in her trial at Hillsborough County Superior Court in Manchester, N.H., on Friday, Aug. 2, 2024. Jurors found 27-year-old Eckersley guilty of reckless conduct, endangering the welfare of a child and falsifying physical evidence, but not guilty of two assault charges. (David Lane/Union Leader via AP, Pool)

The jury returned with a split verdict last Friday afternoon in the trial involving a mother charged with abandoning her newborn in the woods of New Hampshire in bitterly cold temperatures on Christmas night 2022.

She was found not guilty of felony second-degree assault charges but guilty of reckless conduct, endangering the welfare of a child and falsifying physical evidence.

It's a complex case, and I'm looking at the big picture if you will.

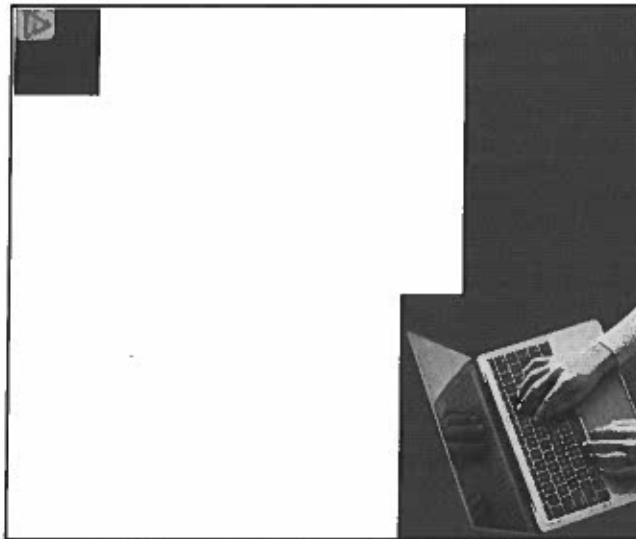


I don't know Alexandra "Allie" Eckersley but since learned like many of you, that she's the daughter of baseball Hall of Famer Dennis Eckersley. He and his second wife Nancy adopted Allie, who is now 27. Last week, the young woman was in a New Hampshire courtroom on trial for these charges.

Allie was homeless and living with her then-boyfriend George Theberge, 45. in a makeshift tent on the Goffstown side of the Piscataquog River when she went into

labor.

Allie took the witness stand in her defense tearfully at times, telling the jury that she didn't know she was pregnant until she delivered the infant. She began experiencing excruciating stomach pains as the hours went by on that frigid Christmas day. She took Pepto-Bismol and ibuprofen to try and alleviate the discomfort she believed was due to constipation.



She later delivered the baby in the tent and briefly heard his cries. But George told her the infant had soon died. Allie believed she had two babies and that the placenta that came out of her was the other infant she thought had also passed away.

It was a frightening experience because Allie was bleeding and knew little about pregnancy and what was happening to her body. She called 911 saying she was having a medical emergency.

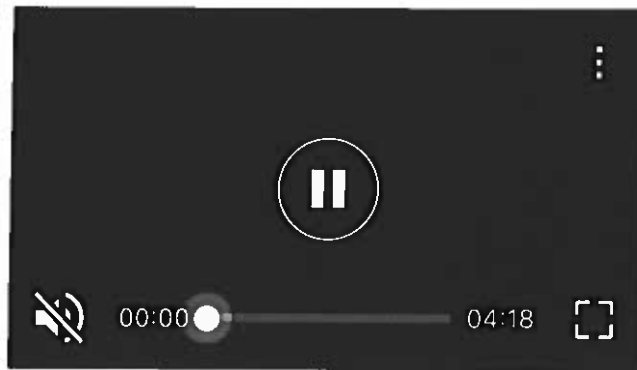
Allie's story was heartbreaking, and being the relative of a famous person means the story travels rapidly worldwide. You have nowhere to hide. I imagine it hasn't been easy for the Eckersley family, who has previously said to the media that Allie's homelessness and struggles with severe mental illness have been "an incredibly private and painful situation" for them.



I don't believe the case should have gone to trial. I may be one of few who feel this way, but mental illness and substance abuse can be complicated, and I think more compassion and understanding are essential.

Allie's a vulnerable individual. She's been through a lot. I don't believe she would intentionally misdirect rescue workers to where her newborn was located. She wasn't functioning in a coherent mental state that night, her lawyer said.

Thankfully, the premature newborn survived the brutal 15-degree temperatures that evening. Today, "Teddy" is healthy and fully reunited with his mom. Allie has remained sober since the day she gave birth, and the two have been residing with her mother in Massachusetts.



Allie's public defender, Jordan Strand, told WMUR-News Nine last March, " ... She has gone to treatment. She has done everything that was asked of her. That's why she is reunited with her child. She has been to rehab. She has done all the counseling."

I realize a mentally unstable individual is not immune from the law, but determining a defendant's state of mind or knowledgeable intentions under such circumstances is not so simple.

I also understand the state of New Hampshire was just doing its job and trying to protect the victim in this case, baby Teddy.



But isn't Allie Eckersley also a victim, and doesn't she deserve our compassion?

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Editorial: An antidote to bad news

Jul 20, 2024



Alexandra Eckersley holds her son Teddy.

Thomas Roy/Union Leader

With all the bad news of this long, hot summer, it was nice to see a **positive photo** on the Union Leader's front page a week ago. We hope the picture does indeed lead to a thousand or so good words in the near future.

Tom Roy's picture showed a smiling Alexandra Eckersley holding her 18-month-old son, Teddy. The photo was taken in a courthouse where the mother awaits trial for abandoning her newborn baby in a tent on Christmas night 2022.

Ms. Eckersley made a horrible decision that holiday morning in the freezing cold woods near the West Side Ice Arena. Only the diligent work of local police and rescue personnel saved the baby.

She needs to be held accountable for her actions, to be sure, but we think a program can be developed that does so without the need for a trial.

Compassion, too, has its place in our justice system.

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A former star pitcher, his daughter and the reality that homelessness can happen to anyone

By [RAY DUCKLER](#)

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The young woman with the familiar last name was seated in the Friendly Kitchen, her eyes focused on her cellphone, hidden under shoulder-length blonde hair.

She's homeless, short on money, her life stuffed into a knapsack, just like so many others who come to this place for a free meal. The kitchen is one of Concord's humanitarian jewels, a place to not only eat but to avoid being judged by a public that doesn't get it, that homelessness can happen to anyone.

The woman, named Allie Eckersley, moved her eyes off her cell, to me. We had met two days earlier, at a homeless camp hidden in the woods, when a pair of Concord cops were visiting encampments in the city. That day, they told her and her boyfriend they were trespassing on private property. They'd have to move on.

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Unlike other homeless people I met that day in the woods, Allie gave me her full name and talked about homelessness in the city and what led to this point in her young life. She didn't say much about her family, but her surname and its spelling had a familiar ring.

It's the same last name as a Hall of Fame pitcher. And it says online that this pitcher – universally known as Eck – and his second wife, Nancy, have an adopted daughter together. Her name is Allie. She suffers from mental illness. She's 22. The Allie I met looked about that age.

I had to go back, find out, so I approached Allie, finding her among the lunchtime crowd at the Friendly Kitchen, and asked. Yes, her father is indeed famous, she said. In fact, he's really famous.

"Dennis," Allie said, after I asked for her dad's name.

Dennis Eckersley?

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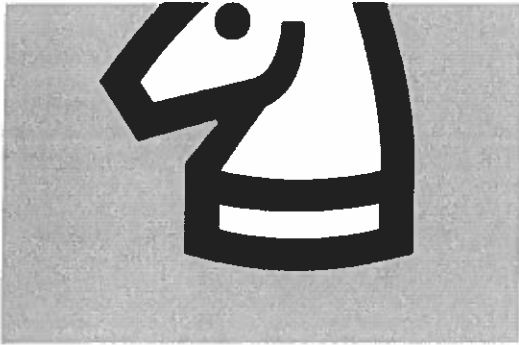
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Really Bad Chess

Yep.

She spoke in a monotone voice, hushed, words sometimes mumbled. Her blue eyes lacked something, that feeling of hope or self-worth, of having something to look forward to.

Later, in our third conversation, over the phone, she set the ground rules for publication, that I have to carry her message, her potential solution, to this problem that plagues the city and beyond.

Then, and only then, could I reveal that Concord's homeless community includes the daughter of one of the most beloved and recognizable celebrities in the sports world – make that any world – especially here in New England.

Allie wants to be a leader. She wants to put her life experience to work. First, though, she must manage her bipolar disorder and depression and anxiety, get them under control.

“I want to begin a homeless mental health awareness event,” Allie said. “Have it be like the telethon, or a carnival where you pay to get in, or a movie night and the money goes to a housing shelter.”

She knows all about this form of instability. It's sudden or it's gradual, but it lies in waiting. Lose your job, pay a giant medical bill, split from your significant other, suffer from mental illness, fall into the throes of addiction. All can lead in this direction.

Take your pick.

Allie is part of this crisis, an example of the small band of Concord's population that lives in abandoned buildings and thick woods.

“In general, yes, people become homeless for many reasons, and for some people, the reasons are very complex and might involve mental illness, a history of trauma, substance abuse, or a combination of these things,” Ellen Groh, the executive director of the Concord Coalition to End Homelessness, explained in an email.

And yet Allie has ideas, goals, vision. She wants to go to college and join the medical field. She wants to be innovative, saying the homeless can do landscaping at a special facility, just for them, maybe paint walls, not pay rent. Maybe learn to garden. Maybe use funds to buy an

abandoned building. Maybe bring the issue out of the woods, where it hides like a tent in the underbrush.

In short, crush the stigma. During my first meeting with Allie, in the still-bare woods behind the closed liquor store on Storrs Street, she waved me back after I had already interviewed her. She wanted me to understand something.

“These are our homes,” she said. “The only issue is that Concord looks at us like we’re scum. They don’t realize we’re human beings.”

That’s what Allie and professionals in the state want you to know. That anyone can become homeless, a living condition that doesn’t give a hoot what color you are, or what religion you are, or what your family’s savings account says.

“The hidden aspect of who her parents are, economically that plays a part in this and makes it a different story,” said Julie Green, a clinical caseworker for the Concord Coalition to End Homelessness.

Few knew about Allie’s background. Green did, but added that Allie “didn’t broadcast it.”

Her father earned more than \$27 million in his baseball career, which lasted from 1975 through 1998.

He was unique, one of those rare pitchers who combined an impressive win total – 197 – through his years as a starting pitcher, with his impressive save total – 390 – connected to his years as a closer, the pitcher who receives more publicity than any other reliever because he enters the game late to preserve a lead. That’s when the spotlight is brightest.

Dennis spent eight seasons with the Red Sox. His high leg kick, sidearm delivery and long dark hair, plus the pistol-packing manner in which he fired his index fingers toward his latest strikeout victim, remain forever stamped in fans’ minds, at least those old enough to remember him.

He’s since carved out a nice career for himself doing color commentary for Red Sox games on NESN. He’s as cool as they come, youthful looking and handsome at age 64, still sporting his layered 1970s-style haircut and mustache, both silver now. He’s funny and articulate on the air, never stiff or stuffy.

And, to his credit, Eckersley never shied away from tough questions. He spoke openly about the breakup of his first marriage, and has remained open to speaking about the ninth-inning, two-run homer he allowed to a hobbled, pinch-hitting Kirk Gibson, ending Game 1 of the 1988 World Series on what is known as one of the most famous, dramatic and important home runs ever hit.

History says Gibson’s homer set the tone for the series. The Dodgers beat the Oakland Athletics in each of the next three games to claim the championship. History also says that one of the greatest closers of all-time got burned on national television.

But that was baseball, and Eckersley faced the press, faced the music, faced the fact that he had blown a big game. That was easy.

But this? His daughter, homeless and bipolar? The player known as a control artist, the reliever who once walked just four batters in 73 innings, suddenly had little control.

This is a subject dripping with perspective, a topic that puts baseball in its place, and one that Eckersley declined to address with me directly.

Instead, his current wife, Jennifer, emailed me.

“As you can imagine this is an incredibly private and painful situation,” she wrote. “Dennis and Nancy decline speaking to you about it, as it’s simply too painful. Instead, the family offers this statement:”

It read, in part: “As a family, we have been devoted to her health and wellbeing. We have given her unconditional love, nurturing and support. We have left no stone unturned in seeking the help, resources, programs and professionals she has needed throughout her life.

“Once she became of legal age our ability to intervene on her behalf became far more limited.”

Allie, who said her father lives in Ipswich, Mass., her mother in Sudbury, Mass., disputes the amount of love and support she received at home.

“He found a way to bring my homelessness in every single conversation,” she told me at the Friendly Kitchen. “What I’ve wanted my entire life is to be accepted by my own family. In my own home, I felt like an outsider, an outcast.”

Who knows?

Meanwhile, there are facts told by both sides that match up. Dennis and Nancy adopted Allie at birth. All she knows about her biological parents is that her father was controlling and mean to her mother, leading to the adoption. That’s it.

Soon, it was clear that something was wrong.

“At age two Allie was diagnosed with mental illness,” the Eckersley family statement read, “which worsened considerably through the years, leading to multiple hospitalizations and eventually institutionalization.”

Allie said she was in one facility or another from the age of 6 on. For mental health. For behavioral trouble. Even a lock-down hospital.

“When I was in Mass., before I moved up here, I didn’t learn from any of my mistakes,” Allie said. “I didn’t realize they were mistakes and that I had to admit that and take those responsibilities. They are mistakes that I don’t really want to mention.”

She came here to Concord with her boyfriend in January of last year. She slept in a tent her first winter, with a heater and cots. Sometimes she couch surfed. She told me she and her boyfriend have another campsite in mind, since police gave them a warning last weekend that it was time

to leave.

“We’re moving,” Allie said. “They gave us a week.”

Allie wants her parents to realize that she’s moving forward, bettering herself. That’s what she claims. Her mind rolls over the same subject, that her parents, especially Dennis, never could nudge this homeless thing aside since she left 16 months ago.

Still, Allie added, it wasn’t all bad at home. Dennis and Nancy made an effort to attend their daughter’s events. They felt joy when she went to prom, sorrow when her boyfriend broke her heart.

“Those little things they did do that were good, I want them to outweigh the bad,” Allie said. “But somehow, they haven’t.”

She paused here, at the Friendly Kitchen, to wipe her eyes.

“Sorry” she said, “this is a tough subject for me.”

For everyone, in fact. You can feel it in the family statement.

“Our hearts are broken,” it read. “Unfortunately, in her situation, the issue is less about homelessness and more about mental illness. We continue to hope Allie seeks the mental health treatment she desperately needs so she can get her life back on track.”

Allie says she’s been accepted to two colleges, New Hampshire Technical Institute and Granite State College. She says she called her parents in February, the last time they spoke, to tell them about her school plans. She hoped for a more exciting response than she got.

Again, she claims, her parents saw only the part about being homeless. A tough fact to get past.

Elsewhere, Allie wants to work in the mental health field, give back, use her experience to help others.

“I want to be someone who people can relate to,” Allie said. “I want people to know there really is hope in the world, or there is someone who has gone through something similar to what they have gone through. I want them to see the progress I’ve made, that even in the roughest times, there is still hope that everything will be okay.”

She’s taking her meds. She’s got food stamps. She recently had her wisdom teeth out, making the appointment herself, getting to the dentist on her own, with no help from her parents. To Allie, that meant something, perhaps showing Dennis and Nancy that she’s able to care for herself, that she’s maturing, that she’s aware of her illness and trying her best to face it.

Green sees lots of promise, telling me, “Allie is a wonderful young lady who is suffering. She’s great at asking for help if her mental health is deteriorating.”

And one more thing. Allie wrote me an 11th-hour email, making sure I included another way in which she’s proved herself lately.

“Can you let them know I checked into a Riverbend supported emergency unit to get back on track,” the email read. “(I) was there two nights and left last night. Went there on my own.”

Let *them* know. Her thoughts are geared to the people who raised her, the people who wrote to me that Allie has seen “countless therapists, doctors, psychiatrists, neurologists and child health advocates.”

Maybe if they reunite, Allie won’t let it bother her as much when autograph- and selfie-seekers interrupt the family while dining at a restaurant.

In a sense, Allie wants to set an example, be a role model, open eyes and minds and hearts about mental illness and homelessness. She wants the public to know that this scenario, alive and well in Concord, knows no bounds.

“Money doesn’t matter,” she said. “Homelessness can happen to anyone.”


Her parents have their own message. They miss Allie. They love her.


“I know they do,” Allie said. “But I don’t want to take the easy way out just because I want a home and an education.”

Then she paused. Her father came to mind.

“Maybe,” she said, “I’ll just give him a call.”

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JUDICIAL BRANCH
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Manchester NH 03101

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RETURN FROM SUPERIOR COURT – HOUSE OF CORRECTIONS

Case Name: **State v. Mikayla Cochran**
Case Number: **216-2020-CR-00274**

Name: **Mikayla Cochran**, 270 Pearl Street Apt 1 Manchester NH 03104
DOB: June 14, 1998

Charging document: Complaint

Offense: Endanger Welfare Child/Incompetent	GOC:	Charge ID: 1721661C	RSA: 639:3	Date of Offense: February 14, 2019
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Disposition: Guilty/Chargeable By: Plea

A finding of GUILTY/CHARGEABLE is entered.

Conviction: Misdemeanor

Sentence: see attached

May 16, 2023
Date

Hon. David A. Anderson
Presiding Justice

W. Michael Scanlon
Clerk of Court

MITTIMUS

In accordance with this sentence, the Sheriff is ordered to deliver the defendant to the **Hillsborough County House of Corrections**. Said institution is required to receive the Defendant and detain him/her until the Term of Confinement has expired or s/he is otherwise discharged by due course of law.

Attest: _____
Clerk of Court

SHERIFF'S RETURN

I DELIVERED THE DEFENDANT TO THE **Hillsborough County House of Corrections** and gave a copy of this order to the Superintendent.

Date

Sheriff

J-ONE: State Police DMV

C: Dept. of Corrections Offender Records Sheriff Office of Cost Containment
 Prosecutor Patrick Joseph Ives, ESQ Defendant Defense Attorney Hannah Rose Roberts, ESQ
 Sex Offender Registry Other _____ _____ Dist Div. _____

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Court Name: Hillsborough County Superior Court - Northern District
Case Name: State v. Mikayla Cochran
Case Number: 216-2020-CR-00274 Charge ID Number: 1721661C
(if known)

HOUSE OF CORRECTIONS SENTENCE

Plea/Verdict: Guilty	Clerk:
Crime: Endangering Welfare of Child or Incompetent	Date of Crime: 02/14/19

A finding of GUILTY/TRUE is entered.

CONVICTION

This conviction is for a Class A Misdemeanor

- A. The defendant has been convicted of Domestic Violence contrary to RSA 631:2-b or of an offense recorded as domestic violence. See attached Domestic Violence Sentencing Addendum.
- B. The defendant has been convicted of a misdemeanor, other than RSA 631:2-b or an offense recorded as Domestic Violence, which includes as an element of the offense, the use or attempted use of physical force or threatened use of a deadly weapon, and the defendant's relationship to the victim is:

OR The defendant is cohabitating or cohabited with victim as a _____

OR A person similarly situated to _____

CONFINEMENT

- A. The defendant is sentenced to the House of Corrections for a period of 12 months.
Pretrial confinement credit is _____ days.
- B. This sentence is to be served as follows:
- Stand committed Commencing _____.
- Consecutive weekends from _____ PM Friday to _____ PM Sunday beginning _____.
- All of the sentence is suspended during good behavior and compliance with all terms and conditions of this order. Any suspended sentence may be imposed after hearing at the request of the State. The suspended sentence begins today and ends 4 year(s) from today or release on charge ID number _____.
- _____ of the sentence is deferred for a period of _____. The Court retains jurisdiction up to and after the deferred period to impose or terminate the sentence or to suspend or further defer the sentence for an additional period of _____.
Thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the deferred period, the defendant may petition the Court to show cause why the deferred commitment should not be imposed. Failure to petition within the prescribed time will result in the immediate issuance of a warrant for the defendant's arrest.
- Other: _____
- C. The sentence is consecutive to case number and charge ID(s) _____.
 concurrent with case number and charge ID(s) _____.
- D. The court recommends to the county correctional authority:
- Work release consistent with administrative regulations.
- Drug and alcohol treatment and counseling.
- Sexual offender program.
- Other: _____

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Case Number: 216-2020-CR-00274 (1721661C)
HOUSE OF CORRECTIONS Sentence

If required by statute or Department of Corrections policies and procedures, the defendant shall provide a sample for DNA analysis.

PROBATION

- A. The defendant is placed on probation for a period of _____ year(s), upon the usual terms of probation and any special terms of probation determined by the probation/parole officer.
Effective: Forthwith Upon Release
The defendant is ordered to report immediately to the nearest Probation/Parole Field Office.
- B. Subject to the provisions of RSA 504-A:4, III, the probation/parole officer is granted the authority to impose a jail sentence of 1 to 7 days in response to a violation of a condition of probation, not to exceed a total of 30 days during the probationary period.

Violation of probation or any of the terms of this sentence may result in revocation of probation and imposition of any sentence within the legal limits for the underlying offense.

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

- A. **Fines and Fees:**
Fine of \$ _____, plus a statutory penalty assessment of \$ _____ to be paid:
 Today
 By _____
 Through the Department of Corrections as directed by the probation/Parole Officer. A 10% service charge is assessed by DOC for the collection of fines and fees, other than supervision fees.
 \$ _____ of the fine and \$ _____ of the penalty assessment is suspended for _____ year(s).

A \$25.00 fee is assessed in each case file when a fine is paid on a date later than sentencing.

- B. **Restitution:**
The defendant shall pay restitution of \$ _____ to _____.
 Restitution shall be paid through the Department of Corrections as directed by the Probation/Parole Officer. A 17% administrative fee is assessed for the collection of restitution.
 At the request of the defendant or the Department of Corrections, a hearing may be scheduled on the amount or method of payment of restitution.
 Restitution is not ordered because: _____

C. **Appointed Counsel: NOTE:** Financial Obligations, Section C is NOT a term and condition of the sentence.

- The Court finds that the defendant has the ability to pay:
counsel fees and expenses in the amount of \$ _____
payable through _____ in the amount of \$ _____ per month.
- The Court finds that the defendant has no ability to pay counsel fees and expenses.

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HOUSE OF CORRECTIONS Sentence

OTHER CONDITIONS

- A. The defendant is to meaningfully participate in and complete any counseling, treatment and educational programs as directed by the correctional authority or Probation/Parole Officer.
- B. The defendant's _____ in New Hampshire is revoked for a period of _____ effective _____.
- C. Under the direction of the Probation/Parole Officer, the defendant shall tour the _____.
- D. The defendant shall perform _____ hours of community service and provide proof to _____ within _____ of today's date.
- E. The defendant is ordered to have no contact with _____ either directly or indirectly, including but not limited to contact in-person, by mail, phone, e-mail, text message, social networking sites and/or third parties.
- F. Law enforcement agencies may destroy the evidence return evidence to its rightful owner.
- G. The defendant is ordered to be of good behavior and comply with all the terms of this sentence.
- H. Other: **The defendant shall strictly comply with any and all recommendations of DCYF on an ongoing basis.**

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Honorable David A. Anderson
May 16, 2023

**The State of New Hampshire
SUPERIOR COURT COMPLAINT**

Case Number: 20 274
Agency Number: 19WEA-8434-0F

Charge ID: 1721661C

<input type="checkbox"/>	MISDEMEANOR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CLASS A	<input type="checkbox"/> CLASS B	<input type="checkbox"/> UNCLASSIFIED (non person)	
	FELONY	<input type="checkbox"/> CLASS A	<input type="checkbox"/> CLASS B	<input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> UNCLASSIFIED (non person)

You are to appear at the: **Hillsborough County Superior Court - Northern District**
address: **300 Chestnut St.**
in: **Manchester, NH 03101**
at: _____
on: _____

Under penalty of law to answer to a complaint charging you with the following offense:

THE UNDERSIGNED COMPLAINS THAT:

Cochran	Mikayla				
Last Name	First Name	Middle Name			
364 COLBY ROAD	WEARE	NH	03281		
Address	City	State	Zip		
F	W				
Sex	Race	Height	Weight	Eye Color	Hair Color

06/14/1998

DOB	License #:	OP License State:	
<input type="checkbox"/> COMM. VEH.	<input type="checkbox"/> COMM. DR. LIC.	<input type="checkbox"/> HAZ. MAT.	<input type="checkbox"/> 16+ PASSENGER

AT: **Weare**

on or about the **14th** day of **February** **2019**

in the above county and state, did commit the offense of: **Endangering the Welfare of Child or Incompetent**

RSA Name: **Endangering the Welfare of Child or Incompetent**

Contrary to RSA: RSA Ch. **639:3**

Inchoate: :

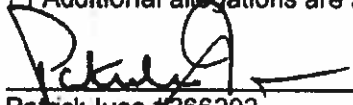
(Sentence Enhancer): **N/A** Penalty:

And the laws of New Hampshire for which the defendant should be held to answer, in that:

Mikayla Cochran did knowingly endanger the welfare of her daughter, K.C. (DOB 08/24/2017), a child under 18 years of age, by purposely violating a duty of care, protection or support she owed to K.C. when Chochran exposed or allowed K.C. to become exposed to an excessive infestation of lice,

against the peace and dignity of the State.

Additional allegations are attached.



Patrick Ives #266292
Assistant County Attorney
Hillsborough County Attorney's Office

02/13/2020

Plea of Not Guilty

Entered March 12, 2020

at Market Street

Clerk of Court

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Plea of Guilty as amended

Entered May 16, 2023

Julie Keller, Admin. Court Assistant

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AMENDMENT FORM**

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Court Name: Hillsborough County Superior Court - Northern District

Case Name: State v. Mikayla Cochran

Case Number: 216-2020-CR-00274 Charge ID: 1721661C

COMPLAINT/INDICTMENT AMENDMENT FORM

Check only applicable amendment boxes:

The offense degree is amended to:

<input type="checkbox"/> VIOLATION	MISDEMEANOR <input type="checkbox"/> CLASS A <input type="checkbox"/> CLASS B <input type="checkbox"/> UNCLASSIFIED(non person)
	FELONY <input type="checkbox"/> CLASS A <input type="checkbox"/> CLASS B <input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL <input type="checkbox"/> UNCLASSIFIED(non person)

The RSA name and RSA reference are amended as follows:

RSA name (UCT Descriptor): **Endanger Welfare of Child/Incompetent**

RSA: **639:3**

Penalty:

The complaint narrative is changed to:

Mikayla Cochran did knowingly endanger the welfare of her daughter, K.C. (DOB: 08/24/2017), a child under 18 years of age, by purposely violating a duty of care, protection, or support she owed to K.C., when Cochran failed to provide a safe environment for K.C.

The inchoate reference is amended to read: N/A

The sentence enhancer is amended to read: N/A

Date: 05/16/2023

/s/ Patrick J. Ives

Patrick Ives #266292

Assistant County Attorney

Hillsborough County Attorney's Office