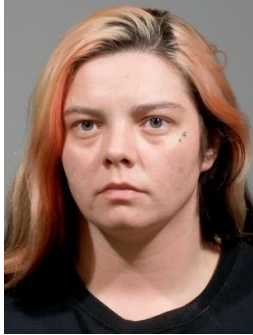


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Final defendant in Warren fatal fire case pleads guilty



Patricia A. Zarlingo, 29, of Youngstown, received a life prison sentence with first chance at parole after she serves 35 years in prison for her part in a fatal fire in Warren that killed a female teen early in 2023.

In a plea hearing held in Trumbull County Common Pleas Court on June 28, Zarlingo pleaded guilty to one count aggravated murder, two counts attempted aggravated murder, two counts aggravated arson, one count aggravated burglary and one count tampering with evidence.



Zarlingo was accused of driving her two accomplices to a house in the 400 block of Nevada Avenue NW in the early morning hours of Jan. 19, 2023, and one of the two men with her used a gasoline can to start a fire in the garage area. The fire eventually spread through the two-story home and killed 16-year-old Chassidy Broadstone, while two other teens escaped the flames. The facts of the case were presented in the courtroom by First Assistant Prosecutor Christopher Becker, shown at left, and Senior Assistant Prosecutor Michael Burnett.

Zarlingo's two accomplices, Zachery Gurd and Brendan Daviduk, have already pleaded guilty to the crimes, and their sentencing hearings will be scheduled in Trumbull County Common Pleas Court. They also face life sentences.

Zarlingo's plea deal took the death penalty off the table, but it also declared her a violent offender which will require her to register if she is ever released from prison. The plea deal also canceled a scheduled trial for O'Brien's courtroom which was scheduled to start on July 23.

Becker said Zarlingo was the "driving force" behind the crimes which caused the death of Chassidy Broadstone.

"It's very rare in my 35 years of being a prosecutor that a case ends up with three co-defendants all getting life sentences, so that makes us satisfied," Becker said after the plea and sentencing hearing.

Judge Sean O'Brien went along with the agreed upon prison sentence, but told Zarlingo she was lucky the case didn't go to trial, because he said "the sentence could have been a lot worse."

Zarlingo, who has been in the county jail since her arrest on Feb. 1, 2023, will get credit for the time already served.

Delivering victim-impact statements were Chassidy's mother, father and stepfather, who all spoke highly of the young victim. The mother called Chassidy "my ray of light" who was taken away. The mother told Zarlingo "you have shown no remorse, You have no soul. I pray to God that you find your way."

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