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MAYS LANDING— A Galloway Township woman who entered a guilty plea on Sept. 13 to first-degree aggravated manslaughter in connection with the 2009 death of her newborn girl was sentenced to seven years in prison on Friday, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel stated.

In accordance with the plea agreement, Tracey Posner, 28, of Moss Mill Road, was sentenced in the second-degree range to the prison term. She must serve five years, 11 months and 12 days before parole eligibility. Upon release, the defendant will be subject to five years of parole supervision, according to Assistant Prosecutor Pamela K. D'Arcy, who represented the State.

Posner gave birth on Feb. 24, 2009, in the bathroom of her Galloway Township home. When the baby was born, Posner wrapped the live, full-term infant in a towel, put her in a plastic bag and placed her under the sink. As a result of Posner's need for medical attention, her situation was called to the attention of the Prosecutor's Office. Authorities then discovered the infant under the bathroom sink in Posner's home. The following day Atlantic County Medical Examiner Dr. Hydow Park performed an autopsy on the newborn. Posner's arrest on June 22, 2009, came after autopsy results and a review. Posner was indicted on July 21, 2009.

During Friday's sentencing the defendant's family members and friends came to court to support Posner. They had also written letters on her behalf, Assistant Prosecutor D'Arcy said.

However, Assistant Prosecutor D'Arcy emphasized to the court that Posner was not the victim. "The victim was a beautiful full-term baby girl known only to this Office as Baby Girl Posner who died at the hands of her mother."

Prior to Judge Isman sentencing Posner, he stated that this was a negotiated plea that he felt was fair, in part because the victim did not have a prior criminal history. He also stated that Posner would have to live with the consequences of her crime for the rest of her life.

“The victim died at the hands of the person who was supposed to protect her, her mother. The person who brings us into the world is not supposed to be the person who takes us out of this world,” Judge Isman said.

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