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The State of South Carolina v. Dorian Delaney

On November 1, 2024, The Court held a trial in the case of Dorian Delaney v. The State of South Carolina. The Court is deciding whether Dorian Delaney should be charged with Involuntary Manslaughter, and Unlawful Conduct Toward a Child, due to the death of runner Kylin Abbott.

The State made the case that Dorian Delaney should be charged guilty. They claimed that she pushed her athletes too hard, wouldn't allow her runners access to water breaks, and that is what led to Kylin's death. The Defense made the claim that Dorian Delaney is not guilty, because Assistant coach Brown had the responsibility of supervising their team, and Avery Abbott withheld significant medical information.

The State then called Bailey Brown to the stand. Brown is an accomplished track athlete, who is also the assistant coach for the track and field team. Brown mentions that things were very intense during practice on August 8, 2024, because an important meeting was on Saturday. She also said the runners were being pushed too far.

Next The State called Avery Abbott to the stand, the mother of Kylin Abbott. As Abbott took the stand, she was noticeably distraught. When it was time for The Defense to speak to Abbott, The Court discovered she never disclosed Kylin's medication use. She signed off on medical forms stating that Kylin was not taking any medication, even though Kylin was actively taking Strenaxyl.

The State then called Dr. Cameron Covington to the stand. Dr. Covington is a pathologist and performed Kylin Abbott's autopsy. She stated that it's her opinion Kylin died due to severe dehydration because of intense exercise in hot weather.

The Defense calls Frankie Fulton to the stand. Frankie was a teammate of Kylin's. Fulton recalls, "Ky was really cold, clammy to the touch, and did not look right," She then said that she saw Brown call 911 "At some point".

Next The Defense called Dr. Shay Erickson, a former pathologist to the stand. He says that in his opinion, Kylin died due to a heat stroke caused by the use of strenaxyl. He says, "Strenaxal contains amphetamine that can cause the body to overheat. It is a stimulant that, just like diet pills and caffeine, can itself make someone much more susceptible to heat stroke."

Defense calls Dorian Delaney to the stand, head coach of the track team. She talks about regretting how hard she pushed her team. She discussed how she was not alerted to Kylin's condition until

the end of practice, and when she realized how severe the situation was, she told Brown to call 911.

In The States closing statement, they made the claim that Delaney pushed her runners too hard, used unnecessary punishment to drive her athletes, and did not give regular water breaks; this was the cause of Kylin's death. In The Defense's closing statement, they made the claim that Delaney was not aware of Kylin's medication, and if she was, she would have handled the situation differently. They also made the point that Brown failed to take the necessary actions to save Kylin's life.

It is now in the hands of the jury to decide the verdict of this case and whether Dorian Delaney is guilty of the crimes she is being accused of.