



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Statement from Senator Michelle Hinchey on the Indictment of New York State Trooper

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KINGSTON, NY (October 27, 2021) – Today, **State Senator Michelle Hinchey (SD-46)** issued the following statement after [New York Attorney General Letitia James announced](#) the indictment of New York State Trooper Christopher Baldner on charges of murder, manslaughter, and reckless endangerment:

“The death of 11-year-old Monica Goods is a devastating tragedy that should never have happened and must be investigated thoroughly and with the utmost care. Monica’s family deserves nothing less than concrete answers so that they can begin to find peace and heal.

“Today’s indictment is just the first step in a process that demands justice for Monica Goods and demonstrates the seriousness with which this horrific event is being taken.

“The allegations of previous aggravated conduct by this state trooper are deeply disturbing, and if, after moving through the full legal process, this trooper is found guilty, he must be held accountable to the fullest extent of the law.

“Our law enforcement officers have to represent the best of us — they are tasked with one of the most important duties, which is to keep everyone in our community safe. And when they fail to uphold those values, we need to take swift action to address the systemic failures of our system.

“I thank Attorney General Tish James for her pursuit of the truth in this case and for her commitment to true accountability across all state institutions.”

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