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**NORTH EAST MAN FOUND GUILTY OF ACCESSORY AFTER THE FACT
IN THE JUNE 2025 MURDER OF THREE YEAR OLD GIRL**

ELKTON – On September 8, 2026, after an eleven-day trial, a Cecil County jury found Cedrick Antoine Britten guilty of Accessory After the Fact – Murder-First Degree, Bury/Dispose of Body in Unauthorized Place and Child Neglect for the role he played after his girlfriend, Darrian Lynnelle Randle, murdered her three year old daughter, Nola Dinkins, inside Britten's North East, Maryland, home. Britten was found not guilty of charges related to ongoing abuse of Dinkins.

On the evening of June 10, 2025, Randle reported to the New Castle County Police Department that three-year-old Dinkins had been abducted from the side of the roadway. Randle advised officers that the abduction occurred after she had stopped her vehicle to check on Dinkins who she reported had been upset in the rear seat of the car. This report prompted an AMBER Alert and investigation into Dinkins' whereabouts. Early stages of the investigation revealed, however, the abduction report was false and that Dinkins had been murdered in Cecil County, Maryland. Determining that the murder occurred in Cecil County, Maryland, the Maryland State Police took over the investigation from Delaware authorities.

On June 11, 2025, after Britten had drawn a detailed map of where Dinkins' body could be located, law enforcement discovered Dinkins' body inside a suitcase that had been discarded in a trash can on a property that was adjacent to Britten's North East home where he said it would be. The investigation resulted in the Maryland State Police charging Randle with her daughter's death. Britten was charged with crimes related to his alleged knowledge and encouragement of the abuse of Dinkins inside his home. Britten was also charged with his involvement in the events after Dinkins was murdered.

Cecil County State's Attorney James A. Dellmyer stated the following after the verdict, "As in Randle's case, no verdict can undo the pain and suffering the victim endured the final months of

her life, nor can it erase the tragedy of her death. My sincere condolences remain with the victim's family as they continue to cope with this unimaginable loss. I again want to recognize the tremendous effort that went into this case from the prosecution team to the Maryland State Police Homicide Unit, Delaware Attorney General Kathleen Jenkins, New Castle County Police Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigations, and all the members of the law enforcement community who contributed to this investigation."

Britten will remain incarcerated at the Cecil County Detention Center in Elkton, Maryland, pending sentencing which is scheduled for December 18, 2026. Britten faces up to 16 years in prison. In June 2026 Randle was convicted by a jury of murdering Dinkins. Randle also remains incarcerated at the Cecil County Detention Center pending her sentencing which is scheduled for October 2, 2026, where she faces a maximum sentence of life without parole.

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