

A Nurse Who Broke The Bones Of Nine Newborn Babies In Henrico's NICU Faced Up To 45 Years In Prison. Shannon Taylor Negotiated The Sentence Down To A Maximum Of Three Years.

In 2025, Erin Strotman Was Arrested And Charged With Malicious Wounding And Felony Child Abuse. “Police last week arrested a former nurse at the hospital, Erin Elizabeth Ann Strotman, and charged her with malicious wounding and felony child abuse in a November 2024 incident involving another newborn.” (Faith Karimi, “Newborn Babies At A Virginia Hospital Have Been Suffering Mysterious Injuries. A Nurse Now Faces Abuse Charges,” [CNN](#), 1/9/25)

- **Strotman Initially Faced 20 Charges For Malicious Wounding And Felony Child Abuse.** “Strotman initially faced 20 charges for malicious wounding and felony child abuse prior to Thursday’s ruling.” (Clare Gehlich, “‘She Is Evil’: Former Henrico Nurse Who Abused NICU Babies Was Not Improperly Trained, Professionals Say,” [WRIC](#), 1/15/26)

Strotman Was A NICU Nurse At Henrico Doctors’ Hospital In Richmond And Was Charged Following A Probe Into NICU Babies Suffering Unexplained Injuries. “A former nurse who was employed at the Henrico Doctors’ Hospital in Richmond, Virginia was charged on Friday with malicious wounding and felony child abuse for allegedly intentionally injuring an infant at the hospital’s Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). Erin Elizabeth Ann Strotman of Chesterfield County was charged with one count of felony child neglect which carries up to 10 years in prison, as well as one count of felony malicious wounding for an injury sustained by an infant which carries the maximum penalty is 20 years in prison, according to Henrico Commonwealth Attorney Shannon Taylor, whose office is prosecuting this case. The charges are connected to an incident that allegedly occurred on Nov. 10, 2024. ... According to the Henrico Police Department, law enforcement officials began to probe this case after the Henrico Doctors’ Hospital launched an internal investigation into unexplained fractures sustained by babies in the hospitals NICU from 2023-2024.” (Deena Zaru, “Virginia Nurse Charged With Child Abuse Amid Probe Into NICU Babies Suffering Unexplained Fractures,” [WPVI](#), 1/7/25)

The Babies Suffered Broken Legs, Bruising, And Fractures. “The Commonwealth’s Attorney explained that CPS initially discovered the four 2023 victims in about a month between August and September 2023:

- Baby Z.M. discovered on Aug. 5, 2023, with a fracture to the left radius
- Baby T.M. discovered on Aug. 16, 2023, with radial fracture, fracture of the ulna, right rib fracture, a distal femoral fracture, left radial fracture and bruising
- Baby M.L. discovered on Aug. 16, 2023, with bruising a left radial bucket fracture
- Baby N.H. discovered on Sept. 2, 2023, with a non-displaced fracture of the left tibia” (Clare Gehlich, “‘She Is Evil’: Former Henrico Nurse Who Abused NICU Babies Was Not Improperly Trained, Professionals Say,” [WRIC](#), 1/15/26)

According To WRIC, In Security Videos Of The Hospital, “Strotman Can Be Seen Putting Heavy Pressure On Babies’ Legs And Abdomens, Squeezing Them With ‘Excessive Force,’ Moving Them Around Carelessly And Lifting Them While Only Holding Their Head.” “In the videos, Strotman can be seen putting heavy pressure on babies’ legs and abdomens, squeezing them with ‘excessive force,’ moving them around carelessly and lifting them while only holding their head.” (Clare Gehlich, “‘She Is Evil’: Former Henrico Nurse Who Abused NICU Babies Was Not Improperly Trained, Professionals Say,” [WRIC](#), 1/15/26)

Shannon Taylor Prosecuted The Case. “I have always made it a priority to ensure that we would be able to ask the Court to hold Erin Strotman accountable for all of the families being impacted,” said Henrico Commonwealth’s Attorney Shannon Taylor. “We made a promise to these families that we would continue to work on this matter, and I intended for us to keep that promise.” (Sarah Chakales, “Former NICU Nurse Enters Plea On Abuse Charges,” [WWBT](#), 1/15/26)

According To Taylor, Strotman Faced A Maximum Sentence Of 10 Years In Prison For The Felony Child Abuse And Up To 20 Years For The Malicious Wounding. “If found guilty, Strotman faces a maximum of 10 years in prison for the felony child abuse charge and up to 20

years for the malicious wounding charge, said Taylor, the Henrico County's commonwealth's attorney." (Faith Karimi, "Newborn Babies At A Virginia Hospital Have Been Suffering Mysterious Injuries. A Nurse Now Faces Abuse Charges," [CNN](#), 1/9/25)

- **On June 5, 2025, A Henrico County Judge Sentenced Strotman To 45 Years In Prison, 5 Years For Each Of Her Infant Victims, But Suspended Sentencing To 3 Years Total To The Previously Agreed Upon Plea Deal.** "A former Henrico Doctors' Hospital NICU nurse will spend three years in prison in a child abuse case involving newborn babies. On Friday, a Henrico judge sentenced Erin Strotman to five years in prison for each of the nine victims — 45 years total — but suspended all but three years, matching the maximum active sentence allowed under the plea agreement. During the hearing, Strotman's defense team asked the court to allow home incarceration, but the judge denied that request." (Sarah Chakales, "Former Henrico Doctors' NICU Nurse To Serve 3 Years In Prison," [WWBT](#), 6/5/26)

In January 2026, Strotman Accepted A Plea Agreement, Which Was Offered By Taylor, Where She Pled No Contest To The Child Abuse Charges. "There's been a lot of negotiation and we think that we are reaching a just, fair and reasonable resolution,' Strotman's attorney Jeffrey Everhart told 8News ahead of the plea hearing. 'Both parties are giving up some things and both parties are ceding some things.' Strotman will remain out on bond until her sentencing, which is scheduled for June 5. The Henrico Commonwealth Attorney has asked for Strotman to receive three years imprisonment as part of a plea agreement, but the judge will decide if her sentence is longer or shorter." (Allison Williams, "Former Henrico Nurse Found Guilty Of 9 Charges For Abusing Babies In NICU," [WRIC](#) 1/15/26)

As Part Of The Plea Agreement, Strotman Agreed To A Maximum Of Three Years In Jail And Agreed To Never Practice Nursing Or Any Related Healthcare Job, And Agreed Not To Work With Minors Or Vulnerable Adults. "A former nurse in the neonatal intensive care unit at a Virginia hospital is facing prison time after she pleaded no contest to child abuse charges dating back several years. Erin Strotman, a former NICU nurse at Henrico Doctors' Hospital, pleaded no contest Thursday to nine charges of felony child abuse. The 27-year-old was initially facing 20 charges for her handling of nine babies between 2022 and 2024. The plea agreement was presented to Judge Richard S. Wallerstein Jr. for a maximum sentence of three years for Strotman, and he accepted it. Part of the agreement requires Strotman to never practice nursing or any related healthcare job again, nor work with minors or vulnerable adults." (Sarah Chakales, "Former NICU Nurse Pleads No Contest To Child Abuse Charges Involving 9 Babies," [KPTV](#), 1/19/26)

Following Her Plea, The Judge Found Her Guilty For All Nine Felony Charges Of Child Abuse. "A Henrico Circuit Court judge found Erin Strotman guilty for all nine felony charges of child abuse after she pleaded no contest on all counts. Her conviction stems from incidents between 2022 and 2024 in which she injured nine babies while working in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Henrico Doctors' Hospital." (Allison Williams, "Former Henrico Nurse Found Guilty Of 9 Charges For Abusing Babies In NICU," [WRIC](#) 1/15/26)

Taylor Said Of The Plea Agreement, "I Have Always Made It A Priority To Ensure That We Would Be Able To Ask The Court To Hold Erin Strotman Accountable For All Of The Families Being Impacted." "I have always made it a priority to ensure that we would be able to ask the Court to hold Erin Strotman accountable for all of the families being impacted,' Henrico Commonwealth's Attorney Shannon Taylor said. 'We made a promise to these families that we would continue to work on this matter, and I intended for us to keep that promise.'" (Sarah Chakales, "Former NICU Nurse Pleads No Contest To Child Abuse Charges Involving 9 Babies," [KPTV](#), 1/19/26)