SIX OFFICERS CHARGED IN FREDDY GRAYS DEATH

ONE FACES SECOND DEGREE MURDER

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USPA NEWS - Baltimore State Attorney Marilyn Mosby announced that her office is filing charges against six officers in connection with the death of Freddie Gray. The charges vary, but one was charged with second degree murder.

The State's Attorney for Baltimore on Friday said her office has probable cause to file criminal charges against six city officers she says are responsible for the death of Freddie Gray who died of a mysterious spinal injury while in their custody.

In a stirring press conference, Marilyn Mosby said six officers failed to get Gray the help he needed after they arrested him. She charged the officer driving a transport van with Gray with second degree murder. She charged others with involuntary manslaughter, assault, failure to render aid and misconduct in office.

A loud cheer went up when she announced the charges.

She said the charges are not an indictment on the entire force. Mosby said she comes from five generations of police officers, including her parents, aunts, uncles and a grandfather who is a founding member of a black officers organization in Massachusetts. The Baltimore police officers union says the six officers charged in the Freddie Gray investigation aren't responsible for his death. Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 3 President Gene Ryan made the comment Friday in a letter to Baltimore City State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby before she announced the charges. It was the union's strongest statement to date in the officers' defense.

"As tragic as this situation is, none of the officers involved are responsible for the death of Mr. Gray," Ryan wrote. "To the contrary, at all times, each of the officers diligently balanced their obligations to protect Mr. Gray and discharge their duties to protect the public."

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