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Mother Sentenced to 42 Years in Murder of Baby Found in Landfill

Sharrieckia Page (DOB 5/14/89) was sentenced to 42 years in prison Friday for second degree murder (F2) in the death of her 7-month-old son whose body was found in an Arapahoe County landfill on May 30, 2012.

Adams County District Judge John Popovich also imposed five years of parole after her release. Page faced a maximum 48 years in prison under a plea agreement in which she pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in the death of Torey Elijah Brown, who was strangled by his mother and thrown into a dumpster on March 27, 2012.

Page initially was charged with first-degree murder (F1) and child abuse resulting in death. These charges were dismissed as part of a plea agreement.

Hundreds of people including Commerce City police officers and others searched the landfill near E-470 and Hampden for 53 days to find the baby's body. Investigators began searching for the baby in late March 2012 after Commerce City police were called to 5661 Olive Street to check on the boy when family members became concerned about his welfare. Searchers found the baby stuffed in a book bag with two plastic bags tied around his neck.

Chief Deputy District Attorney Caryn Datz told the court that Page had repeatedly made threats to kill her infant son, warning that she would choke him and he would end up in a "casket". Page said that she put her son face down in his bassinet to muffle his cries, piling blankets and laundry on top of him.

17th Judicial District Attorney Dave Young thanked the Commerce Police Department and others for the extraordinary effort put into the search for the baby's body. "This is a very sad case," he said. "Justice is served. This sentence brings peace and dignity to the life and death of Torey Brown. His was a life that touched all of us who came in contact with the investigation and prosecution of this case."

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