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Grandmother Sentenced to Maximum Eight Years in Prison for Child Abuse

Doris Becky Trujillo (DOB 01/27/52) was sentenced to the maximum eight years in prison Friday for child abuse resulting in serious bodily injury in the death of her grandson.

Four-year-old Gabriel Trujillo died February 17, 2012 after he was taken off life support after sustaining a catastrophic brain injury.

Trujillo had been charged with first-degree murder (F1) and child abuse resulting in death (F2). The jury convicted her June 2 of criminally negligent child abuse resulting in serious bodily injury (F4).

"This child received numerous injuries. He had marks and bruises from his head to his toes," said Adams County District Judge Thomas R. Ensor. He told Trujillo that photos entered into evidence during the trial "show how drastically this child deteriorated while he was in your care."

Ensor said Gabriel's death was a tragedy that was devastating to everyone involved and the community. "Children, especially the age of Gabriel, are completely helpless," said Adams County District Judge Thomas R. Ensor. "They depend on caretakers for everything and their caretakers owe the highest responsibility to those children. This is the type of conduct that simply cannot be tolerated. We as a community will not tolerate criminal negligence by caretakers of small children."

Senior Deputy District Attorney Rhoda Pilmer said Trujillo's actions "represent the most reprehensible conduct that most of us have ever seen. There is no greater risk to our community than a person who tortures a child to death."

"This was a tragic case involving the senseless death of an innocent, defenseless 4-year-old boy," said District Attorney Dave Young. "No one should have to endure what Gabriel Trujillo did during the last few months of his life."

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