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Couple convicted in 2020 death of 8-year-old girl

Derrick Dale found guilty of multiple charges including Aggravated Battery Resulting in Death. Victim's mother receives 20-year sentence.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears announced that Derrick Dale has been convicted of Aggravated Battery Resulting in Death (Level 1 Felony), Neglect of a Dependent resulting in a Death (Level 1 Felony) and Battery resulting in Serious Bodily Injury to a Person Less than 14-years-old (Level 3 Felony) for his role in the death of an 8-year-old girl. Prosecutors secured the conviction after a three-day jury trial.

On June 10, 2022, the child's mother, Kimberly Grosklos, was sentenced to 20 years in the Indiana Department of Correction after pleading guilty to Neglect of a Dependent Resulting in Death (Level 1 Felony).

On April 6, 2020, officers were dispatched to the 11000 block of Kirkwood Drive to investigate after the victim was transported to the hospital by first responders in a state of cardiac arrest.

"The abuse this child sustained is horrific and has no place in our society," Prosecutor Mears stated. "While this resolution brings justice for the victim, we understand that her siblings need our continued focus and support, as they navigate this tragic adversity at such young ages."

The victim had endured physical abuse in the weeks preceding her death including beatings with various objects, such as jumper cables, as well as manual strangulation. The victim was transported to the hospital on April 6, 2020 where she was pronounced deceased.

The autopsy showed the cause of death was mixed modality trauma including but not limited to multiple blunt force trauma injuries. All traumatic injuries were consistent with non-accidental trauma, that is child abuse.

A sentencing hearing for Dale has been set for July 8 at 10 a.m. in Criminal Court 32.