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## Derrick Dale sentenced to 44 years in for the 2020 death of 8-year-old girl

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears announced that Derrick Dale has been sentenced to 44 years in the Indiana Department of Correction for 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). Prosecutors secured the conviction in June 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 young victim was transported to the hospital by first responders in a state of cardiac arrest.

At the time of the conviction, 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 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.