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GUILTY VERDICT AND GUILTY PLEA IN BOY'S DEATH

Two people accused of starving a seven-year-old boy to death will be going to prison following a guilty plea and a guilty verdict in the case.

Jon Phillips (dob: 02-01-81) has been convicted by a Denver jury of *first-degree murder* (F1), *child abuse resulting in death* (F2), and of *tampering with evidence* (F6).

After a two week long trial and less than four hours of deliberation, a Denver jury found Jon Phillips guilty of all charges. After the verdict was read, Phillips went to immediate sentencing and was given the mandatory sentence of life in prison without parole. In addition, he was given 48 years in prison for child abuse resulting in death and 1 year in prison for tampering with evidence.

Neither Phillips nor his attorneys made any comment during the sentencing hearing. Phillips was led from the courtroom in handcuffs.

Sarah Berry (dob: 05-31-1985) pleaded guilty yesterday, August 11th, 2008, to *second-degree murder* (F2). In exchange for Berry's guilty plea, all other charges were dismissed. Berry will be formally sentenced on September 29, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. in Denver District Courtroom 16. Under the guilty plea agreement, she will receive the maximum sentence of 48 years in prison.