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MAN SENTENCED TO MAX IN BABY'S DEATH

A man who pleaded guilty earlier in connection with the death of a 13-month-old girl in October 2003 has finally been sentenced today.

Patrick Romero (dob: 08-03-74) pleaded guilty to child abuse resulting in death and was given the maximum sentence of 16 years in prison.

Chief Deputy DA Joe Morales argued for the maximum penalty based on the facts of the case. 13-month-old Alexia Montoya was pronounced dead on October 13, 2003 after being taken to Porter Hospital. According to a Grand Jury indictment, the cause of death was later determined to be a subgaleal hemorrhage to her scalp caused by blunt force injuries to her head. She had been placed in the care of Antoinette Medina, her maternal aunt, and Medina's husband, Patrick Romero about a month prior to her death.

The investigation into her death stalled until detectives with the Denver Police Department's Cold Case Unit successfully renewed the investigation, which went to the Denver Grand Jury last year.

Antoinette Medina (dob: 08-30-78) pleaded guilty earlier and is currently on probation.