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WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY IN DEATH OF INFANT DAUGHTER

A woman accused of causing the death of her 2-month-old daughter in 2014 has pleaded guilty in the case.

Kelsy Newell-Skinner (dob: 02-26-1993) pleaded guilty on Friday to second-degree murder (F2). In exchange for her guilty plea, charges of *first-degree murder and child abuse resulting in death* were dismissed.

On July 27, 2014, at approximately 9:30 p.m., Skinner's infant daughter, Natalee Hurst-Skinner (dob: 05-14-2014), was taken to Children's Hospital at 13123 East 16th Avenue with signs of abuse. Once at the hospital, the baby was determined to have multiple skull fractures, broken ribs, severe bruising, bite marks on her thigh and brain damage. The victim died several days later, on July 31, 2014. Natalee was in the care of her mother when she suffered the injuries.

Skinner remains in custody and faces up to 48 years in prison when she is sentenced on May 20, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. in Denver District Courtroom 5B.

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