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WOMAN SENTENCED IN DEATH OF INFANT DAUGHTER

A woman who caused the death of her 2-month-old daughter in 2014 has been sentenced to a lengthy prison term in the case.

Kelsy Newell-Skinner (dob: 02-26-1993) pleaded guilty earlier this year to second-degree murder (F2). She was sentenced late Friday to 35 years in prison by Denver District Court Judge Kandace Gerdes. She also ordered Newell-Skinner to pay \$57,978.41 in restitution.

On July 27, 2014, 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.

The case was prosecuted by Denver Chief Deputy District Attorney Christine Washburn and Deputy District Attorney Blake Harrison, who had argued for the maximum possible sentence of 48 years.

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