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GRANDMOTHER SENTENCED FOR CHILD ABUSE

A grandmother accused of child abuse in November 2016 after a 6-month-old baby was taken to the hospital with a brain injury was sentenced last Friday.

Rebecca Laca (dob: 11-19-1960) pleaded guilty in November 2017 to *child abuse-negligently causing serious bodily injury* (F4) and was sentenced to seven years in prison and ordered to pay \$9,434 in restitution. She was originally charged with *child abuse—knowingly causing serious bodily injury* (F3).

Laca was caring for the 6-month-old baby boy on November 11, 2016, when she became upset with him and slammed him down on a bed. The child suffered a frontal bilateral subdural brain bleed and retinal hemorrhaging.