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DeLonta Crank Sentenced to 40-Years for Death of Toddler Javion Johnson

DENVER—Four years after causing the death of 23-month old Javion Johnson, DeLonta Crank was sentenced for Javion's murder. Judge Shelley Gilman sentenced Crank to a 40-year prison sentence on Friday, November 15, 2019. Crank pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree (F2) in late August. The details of this case contributed to the creation of the city's Child Safety Net Impact Team to improve coordination between agencies and protect at-risk children and families.

"While I am pleased this case is now behind us, Javion's death and the horrific details surrounding it continue to affect everyone involved including Javion's three young siblings who witnessed the abuse and were also victims of it," said Denver District Attorney Beth McCann. "I thank my staff and the DPD Homicide Unit for relentlessly pursuing justice in this heartbreaking case."

In July 2015, the Denver District Attorney's Office [charged Crank and his girlfriend Candice Lampley who is Javion's mother](#) with murder in the first degree (F1), child abuse resulting in death (F2) and child abuse resulting in serious bodily injury (F3). Lampley pleaded guilty to child abuse resulting in death and was [sentenced in October 2016](#), to a 25-year sentence in the Department of Corrections.