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Mother of Deceased Child Enters Guilty Plea

On December 15, 2006 three year old Kyle Klein died as a result of severe injuries he sustained at the hands of his stepfather, Dennis Hollon. Dennis Hollon was convicted of Involuntary Manslaughter and Endangering Children on April 30, 2007, and was sentenced to 10 years in the penitentiary. Further investigation revealed that Heidi Hollon, the mother of the child, was aware of the excessive and often violent behavior toward the child by Dennis Hollon.

On August 13, 2007, the defendant-mother, Heidi Hollon, was indicted for two counts of Endangering Children, a 3rd degree felony. The defendant entered a guilty plea to one count of Endangering Children on November 14, 2007, but the judge allowed her to withdraw her guilty plea on December 12, 2007. Today, the defendant again entered a guilty plea, and was found guilty of Endangering Children. As a result of her conviction, she was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary.

Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. said, "If a parent or care provider has knowledge of child abuse and that person fails to act, they must be held accountable. In this case, the defendant failed to protect her child in the months preceding his death when she knew her child was being violently abused. Further, she failed to obtain immediate medical attention for her child, who was in clear medical distress, and her failure to act contributed to the child's death."

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