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Mother Sentenced to Prison for Death of Child

State v. Crystal Laurel & Dustin Rybak 2013-CR-1102

DAYTON, OH (05/06/2016) – Prosecutor Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **Crystal Laurel**, 28, of Dayton, was sentenced to 6 years in prison for the death of her 19-month-old son, **Takota Hasty**, on April 8, 2013.

On Sunday, April 7, 2013 a Sheriff's Deputy was called to Dayton Children's Hospital on a report of child abuse. The victim, Takota, had been brought to the hospital in complete cardiopulmonary arrest, had no pulse, and was not breathing. The infant was found to have numerous cuts and abrasions and a number of burn marks. The victim was placed on life support, but had no brain activity and was removed from life support and died the next afternoon.

An autopsy determined the cause of death was from blunt force trauma to the head and neck.

On March 11, 2016 co-defendant Dustin Rybak, Laurel's live-in boyfriend, was found guilty as charged of Involuntary Manslaughter, Endangering Children, and two counts of Tampering With Evidence. Rybak was sentenced to 18 years in the penitentiary.

The defendant-Laurel was found guilty on September 5, 2013 of:

- Involuntary Manslaughter (F1)
- Endangering Children (F3)
- Tampering with Evidence (F3)
- Permitting Child Abuse (F1)

Today, the defendant was sentenced to 6 years in the penitentiary.

Prosecutor Heck added, "This child was severely beaten and burned to the point that his injuries proved fatal. Despite her awareness of prior injuries sustained by her child at the hands of her boyfriend, this mother did nothing to protect her son. Moreover she covered her child's injuries with makeup in an attempt to deceive authorities and to avoid responsibility." "See something- - say something! All of us should report child abuse."

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