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Douglas County Woman Found Guilty in Fentanyl Death of 22-month-old Son

Castle Rock, CO – A Douglas County jury has found 29-year-old Hanna Gilmour guilty in the fentanyl overdose death of her twenty-two-month-old son, Layton Gilmour. Hanna Gilmour was convicted of felony child abuse resulting in death and misdemeanor child abuse.

In November of 2022, the child's father, Jacob Birkbeck arrived at Gilmour's Littleton apartment for a custody exchange. Birkbeck remarked the child "didn't look right" to which Gilmour laughed and claimed the toddler was just sleeping. When Birkbeck arrived at his mother's home minutes later, Layton was not breathing. Birkbeck called 9-1-1, and the child was later pronounced dead.

An investigation revealed the apartment shared by Gilmour and her boyfriend was littered with illegal substances- including cocaine, mushrooms, marijuana and fentanyl. Prosecutors believe the child crawled onto the floor and accidentally ingested fentanyl, leading to his death.

"This was a senseless and preventable tragedy," said Chief Deputy District Attorney Jake Adkins who prosecuted the case. "Every parent has a responsibility to protect their child. Instead, their mother created an environment so dangerous that it cost her son his life."

Chief Deputy DA Danielle Jaramillo, who co-led the prosecution, acknowledged the emotional weight of the case. "There are no winners here. A beautiful, innocent child is gone. But today, justice was served. Layton's short life mattered, and this verdict reflects that." District Attorney George Brauchler echoed that sentiment, stating, "It is impossible

to measure the magnitude of the loss of such a young and innocent life, especially when it comes to the failure of the very person whose primary responsibility was to protect him. Even after she knew her son's health was in jeopardy, she chose self-preservation over saving her boy. Every parent reading this will be rightfully aghast that a mother in our community allowed her child to be killed so painfully and senselessly. Children deserve protection. Gilmour deserves prison, and lots of it."

Gilmour will be sentenced November 12, 2025. She faces between 16 and 48 years in prison.
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