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Douglas County Woman Sentenced to 36 years in Prison After Fentanyl Death of 22-Month-Old Son

Castle Rock, CO – A Douglas County judge has sentenced 29-year-old Hanna Gilmour to 36 years in prison after 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.

Investigators found the apartment Gilmour shared with her boyfriend littered with illegal drugs- including cocaine, mushrooms, marijuana and fentanyl. Prosecutors determined the child likely 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. "36 years will never bring back a beautiful, innocent child, but that number shows Layton's short life mattered, and this sentence reflects that."

District Attorney George Brauchler commended the ruling of Judge Ryan Stuart and highlighted its broader message. “What sentence can adequately punish a 22-month-old life snuffed out by the self-absorbed mother who should have been her son’s greatest protector?” said Brauchler. “Judge Stuart’s sentence sends a clear message to this community that our children deserve protection-they will be protected-or the punishment will be significant. Here, 36 years is a big number, but a fake one. Colorado’s broken sentencing and parole system will ensure this narcissistic mother will be free again before the son she killed would have graduated high school. How is that justice?”

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