

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Man pleads guilty to killing his son

(March 12, 2009, Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Craig R. Wilson, 29, of Wilson Road in Cuyahoga Falls, pled guilty to Murder, a special felony, and Child Endangering, a felony of the second degree, for causing the death of his two month old infant son, Camryn. Wilson was sentenced to 15 years to Life in prison.

Walsh said, "Craig Wilson killed his child out of jealousy. He killed him because of the time his mother gave to him. This type of crime is always difficult to understand, but today I do hope that Camryn's mother has some closure and that today is one step toward healing."

On March 12, 2008, a year ago today, Camryn, Summit County's 2008 New Year's Day baby, was found unresponsive and barely breathing in his baby swing by his mother who had just returned home. The Defendant had been home alone watching his son. Camryn's mother immediately took her son to Akron Children's Hospital. Camryn was placed on life support and died two weeks later. Doctors discovered that Camryn suffered a severe subdural hematoma (bleeding on the brain), extensive retinal hemorrhages in both eyes, and 23 severe rib fractures in various stages of healing. Camryn ultimately died from abusive traumatic brain injury.

Wilson confessed to shaking the baby because he was jealous of the attention and time his wife gave to the newborn. That night, Wilson and his wife had an argument just prior to Wilson being left alone with the infant. Wilson then took his frustration out on Camryn. He admitted to shaking and squeezing his son in anger. Wilson failed to call 911 or seek any medical attention for him. Camryn's mother and her family made the tough decision to take him off life support on March 25, 2008.