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PROSECUTOR KOLKOVICH ANNOUNCES LIFE PRISON TERM FOR WOMAN WHO MURDERED CHILD

AKRON, OH – Today, Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced that Amanda Bunner, 35, has been sentenced to life in prison for the 2016 murder of her two-year old son Jaxon Bunner. In February 2025, a Summit County Jury found Bunner guilty of Murder, an Unclassified Felony. Bunner will be eligible for parole consideration after 15 years.

“This case has weighed heavily on the community, and we know this has been an especially difficult time for Jaxon Bunner’s family. No family should have to endure the loss of a child. Jaxon’s tragic death reminds us of the devastating impact of child abuse and the importance of supporting families and communities in keeping children safe,” said Prosecutor Kolkovich.

In April 2016, Jaxon suffered severe head trauma while alone with Bunner in his bedroom. Bunner waited approximately 15 minutes before calling 911. Jaxon died after suffering a massive subdural hematoma. Jaxon’s treating doctor and the medical examiner at Akron Children’s Hospital concluded that Jaxon’s brain injuries, malnourished body, and excessive amounts of bruises on his body indicated that his death was the result of child abuse.

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