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Gebhart Sentenced for the Death of a 1-Year-Old Baby

August 28, 2013- Hagatna, Guam- Christopher Gebhart, who caused the death of a 1-year-old baby, was sentenced today to a total of 18 years incarceration, two years of which were suspended and also credit given for the time he has already served.

Gebhart pleaded guilty to manslaughter as a first degree felony as a lesser charge of aggravated murder as a first degree felony and child abuse as a third degree felony.

The baby, who was in the care of Gebhart and his girlfriend, Sherika Pangelinan, died of shaken death syndrome in September 2009 after she was slapped, thrown and shaken so hard she suffered traumatic brain injuries.

“Our youngest citizens require the protection of their parents and caregivers. Unfortunately, this poor baby had no one in her life to watch out for her, to care for her, to protect her,” said Attorney General Leonardo M. Rapadas.

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