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VISALIA MAN CONVICTED OF MURDERING THREE-YEAR-OLD

Today in Department 5 of the Tulare County Superior Court, Visalia Division, Judge Joseph Kalashian presiding, a Tulare County jury convicted Trevor Jim Bishop, age 34, of Visalia, of the murder and assault of three-year-old boy Jimmy Horton. Bishop was convicted of one count of second-degree murder and one felony count of assault on a child causing death.

On March 21, 2013, Bishop was taking care of his girlfriend of four month's children, Jimmy, age 3, and a toddler female. Bishop lived with them in Visalia. On that day, Bishop took Jimmy to Kaweah Delta Urgent Care because he was allegedly found unconscious in his bedroom. Doctors transferred Jimmy to Kaweah Delta, and then to Fresno Regional. It was discovered that Jimmy had severe bruising over his torso and genitals. Jimmy never regained consciousness and remained in a vegetative state. He was cared for by his father, who tended to him until Jimmy's passing 11 months later.

At trial, evidence showed a pattern of abuse sustained by Jimmy at the hands of Bishop. Doctors testified Jimmy had received non-accidental blunt force trauma to the head and suffered an acute subdural hematoma, severe brain swelling, and a mid-line shift of the brain stem.

Sentencing is set for May 25, 2017, in Tulare County Superior Court where Bishop faces 25 years to life in prison.

The case was prosecuted by Supervising Deputy District Attorney Brenda Broker with assistance from District Attorney Paralegal Patty Wagner. It was investigated by Scott Nelson and Mona Whaley of the Visalia Police Department and Tim Willmore and Mario Martin of the District Attorney's Bureau of Investigations.

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